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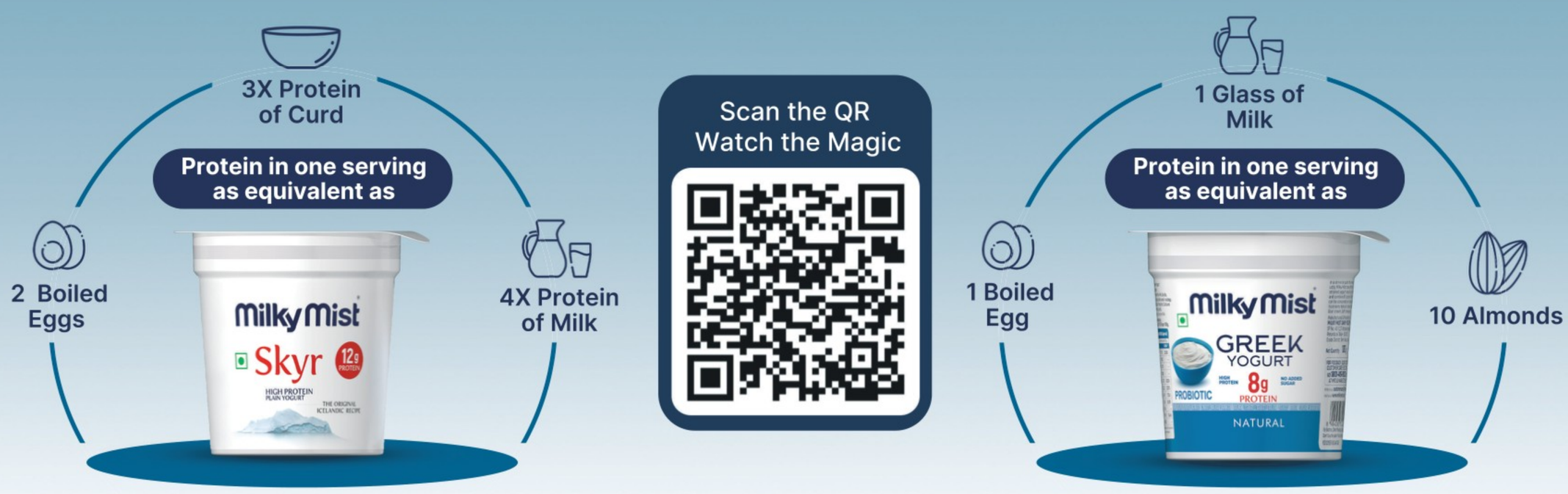

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Telangana blast toll rises to 36, six workers missing

19 more bodies retrieved during search operations overnight after the explosion at the pharma unit; 14 bodies identified; CM announces ₹1 crore compensation to families of workers who died

The Hindu Bureau
HYDERABAD

The toll from the explosion at a pharmaceutical unit at Pashamylaram near Hyderabad rose to 36 on Tuesday, as search and rescue efforts were under way to trace six missing workers who are suspected to have been at the site during the blast on Monday.

"As per factory records, six workers are still missing. We are continuing efforts to trace them," said Y. Nagi Reddy, Director-General of Telangana State Disaster Response and Fire Services, adding that search operations have been going on without a pause despite adverse weather conditions and heavy rain.

Family members of the victims of the explosion at the government hospital at Patancheru in Sangareddy on Tuesday. MOHD ARIF

Officials confirmed that 143 individuals were at the facility of the Sigachi Industries at the time of the explosion, of whom 74 were affected.

"During the overnight search operation, a total of 19 bodies were retrieved from the debris. Search operations are still under way both at the site and in nearby areas for individuals who remain missing," said Swamy Goud, a police official, adding that no bodies were retrieved from the site during the day.

Of the 36 dead, bodies of 14 have been identified, a doctor among the team of 20 deployed to carry out autopsies said.

"We have completed post-mortem on all 36 bodies. It was extremely difficult for us because many of the bodies were charred... we have collected DNA samples," the doctor said.

Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, who visited the site of the accident and interacted with families of victims on Tuesday, instructed officials to provide compensation of ₹1 crore to families of the workers who died in the explosion and ₹10 lakh to those who sustained injuries.

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Explosion at fireworks unit kills 8 workers in Tamil Nadu

The Hindu Bureau
SATTUR

Eight workers were killed and five injured in an explosion at a fireworks manufacturing unit at Chinnakamanpatti, near Sattur, in Virudhunagar district of Tamil Nadu on Tuesday.

According to the police, the explosion took place at Gokules Fireworks, located on Sivakasi-Sattur road, around 8.30 a.m.

Friction during the process of filling chemicals used to make aerial fireworks may have caused the explosion, as per initial reports.

More than 50 workers were present at the unit at the time of the explosion. Seven working sheds were completely destroyed.

The injured have been admitted to the Government Hospital in Sivakasi. Two of them are said to be in a critical condition.

Firefighters from the Sivakasi Fire and Rescue Station, led by station officer T. Srinivasan, rushed to the spot and brought the fire under control. They recovered seven bodies from the rubble.

Debris strewn around after the blast at the Gokules Fireworks unit near Sattur in Tamil Nadu on Tuesday. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

The deceased have been identified as R. Mahalingam, 55, of Meenampatti; G. Vairamani, 34, of Soolakkarai; K. Lakshmi, 25, of Mathiyasenai; M. Nagapandi, 38, K. Ramajeyam, 27, and R. Punniyamoorthi of Servaikaranpatti; and C. Chellaiyapandian of Anuppankulam.

R. Ramamoorthi, 38, of O. Kovilpatti, who sustained 100% burns, died in hospital. Two of the bodies were completely charred, officials said.

Virudhunagar Collector N.O. Sukhaputra inspected the scene of the explosion.

The Sattur Town police have registered a case.

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CM change not on the agenda, says Surjewala

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

In damage-control mode, All India Congress Committee (AICC) general secretary Randeep Singh Surjewala sought to quash speculations about leadership transition in the State, ruling out replacing Siddaramaiah as Chief Minister anytime soon.

While KPCC president and Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar also insisted that discussion on leadership was not even on the agenda, his loyalist and Ramanagara MLA Iqbal Hussain, continued to state that an opportunity should be provided for Mr. Shivakumar to lead the government.

Mr. Hussain was later on Tuesday issued a notice for making such public statements.

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DGP issues SOP for crowd management

BENGALURU
The State police chief, M.A. Saleem, has issued a detailed Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for crowd management at events and mass gatherings. This comes in the backdrop of the stampede outside the M. Chinnaswamy Stadium that killed 11 people on June 4. .
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Quad should understand that India has every right to defend its people against terror, says Jaishankar

Kallol Bhattacherjee
NEW DELHI

India has "every right" to defend its people against terrorism and the partners of the Quad grouping should "appreciate" that, External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar said in Washington DC, where he participated in the Quad Foreign Ministers-level meeting on Tuesday.

Mr. Jaishankar said a "more focused Quad" will "help deliver better", while Australian Foreign Minister Penny Wong, in her opening remarks, made the mention of the March 28 earthquake in Myanmar where the Quad partners mobilised "quickly" to help the affected communities. "A word about terrorism in the light of our recent experience: The world must display zero tolerance. Victims and perpetrators must never be equated and India has every right to defend its people against terrorism and we will exercise that right. We expect our Quad partners to understand and appreciate that," Mr. Jaishankar said in his opening remarks at the meeting, which is being hosted by U.S. Secretary of State Marco Rubio. Mr. Rubio had hosted his counterparts from Australia, India and Japan on the sidelines of the swearing-in ceremony of President Donald Trump in January.

External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar with Australian Foreign Minister Penny Wong, Japanese Foreign Minister Iwaya Takeshi and U.S. Secretary of State Marco Rubio in Washington DC. AP

Mr. Jaishankar reiterated India's commitment to a rules-based international order and the "free and open Indo-Pacific", and announced that India was on track to host the next Quad leaders' summit.

The meeting in Washington DC is being attended by Japanese Foreign Minister Takeshi Iwaya. "It is essential that nations of the Indo-Pacific have the freedom of choice, so essential to make right decisions on development and security," said the External Affairs Minister, announcing that the grouping had made "significant progress" in maritime domain, logistics, education and political coordination in the last few months.

Nimble and focused

"The working of the Quad is also being made more efficient through streamlining the Working Groups. A more cohesive, nimble and focused Quad will certainly help deliver better," Mr. Jaishankar said.

He said India had some proposals to make the next Quad summit "productive".

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Cabinet announces incentive scheme to generate more jobs

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Union Cabinet on Tuesday approved an Employment-Linked Incentive (ELI) scheme with an allocation of ₹99,446 crore to support employment generation, primarily in the manufacturing sector.

"Under the scheme, while the first-time employees will get one month's wage [up to ₹15,000], the employers will be given incentives for a period up to two years for generating additional employment, with extended benefits for another two years for the manufacturing sector," Union Information and Broadcasting Minister Ashwani Vaishnaw told presspersons after the Cabinet meeting.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi said the ELI Scheme would boost job creation. "The focus on manufacturing and incentives for first-time employees will greatly benefit our youth," he said.

Labour Minister Mansukh Mandaviya said the scheme was aimed at providing jobs for 3.5 crore youth. The government said in a statement that the ELI scheme was announced in the Union Budget of 2024-25 as part of the Prime Minister's package of five schemes to facilitate employment, skilling, and other opportunities for 4.1 crore youth with a total budget outlay of ₹2 lakh crore.

"With an outlay of ₹99,446 crore, the ELI Scheme aims at incentivising the creation of more than 3.5 crore jobs over two years. Out of these, 1.92 crore beneficiaries will be first-timers, entering the workforce. The benefits of the scheme will be applicable to jobs created between August 1, 2025 and July 31, 2027," the release said, adding employees with salaries up to ₹1 lakh would be eligible for the scheme. "The government will incentivise employers, up to ₹3,000 per month, for two years, for each additional employee with sustained employment for at least six months. For the manufacturing sector, incentives will be extended to the third and fourth years as well," the release added.

While the industries have welcomed the announcement, trade unions are looking at it with suspicion. Tapan Sen, Centre of Indian Trade Unions (CITU) general secretary, said the move was a deceptive scheme for transferring public funds to the employers' class.

Incentive boost

The ELI scheme will provide incentives to employees as well as employers to improve creation of job opportunities

- Around **1.92 crore beneficiaries** will be first-time employees
- Scheme offers one-month wage up to **₹15,000 in two instalments**
- Benefits applicable to jobs created **between August 1, 2025 and July 31, 2027**

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GST revenue growth dips to four-year low

T.C.A. Sharad Raghavan
NEW DELHI

India's gross Goods and Services Tax (GST) collections stood at a four-month low of ₹1.85 lakh crore in June 2025, 6.2% higher than the collections seen in June last year, and 8.2% lower than the collections in May 2025.

The growth rate of gross collections in June 2025 was the lowest growth in four years, since June 2021. The latest data also shows that collections in the first quarter of this financial year (April-June 2025) stood at ₹2.07 lakh crore.

The GST data shows that, once refunds are accounted for, the net GST collections figure stood at ₹1.59 lakh crore in June 2025, 3.3% higher than the comparable figure in June 2024.

Nuanced picture

"The domestic GST collections for June 2025 present a nuanced picture," Saurabh Agarwal, Tax Partner at EY India, said. "While the overall growth appears muted, likely influenced by the prevailing geopolitical uncertainties and their discernible impact on consumer sentiment, we must look beyond the headline numbers," he said.

He added that it is a positive sign that the data shows strong pockets of growth in GST collections in regions such as Nagaland, Sikkim, Tripura, Lakshadweep, and Ladakh.

Bengaluru stampede: Tribunal quashes suspension of IPS officer Vikash Kumar

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

In a setback to the State government, the Central Administrative Tribunal (CAT) on Tuesday quashed the suspension of Vikash Kumar Vikash, who was Additional Commissioner of Police (West) when a stampede at the M. Chinnaswamy Stadium claimed 11 lives on June 4. He had challenged his suspension order.

The CAT also directed the Karnataka government to reinstate him in the post he held. The CAT said that the suspension order "has been passed in a mechanical manner and the order is not based upon any convincing materials."

The Tribunal further said that it expected that the government "will give the same benefit to the other officers who were suspended by the same order". Former city Police Commissioner B. Dayananda, former DCP (Central) H.T. Shekhar, former Cubbon Park ACP Balakrishna and former Cubbon Park inspector Girish are the other four officers suspended by the same order.

Vikash Kumar Vikash

The order is seen as a big setback as Chief Minister Siddaramaiah had personally announced the suspension of officers at a press conference.

'Not gods, magicians'

In the order passed by Justice B.K. Srivastava and Administrative Member Santosh Mehra, CAT-Bangalore Branch, citing lack of time to make arrangements, said the police were also human beings and neither "God or magician" having magical powers to make adequate arrangements in such short time.

"... The question arises whether 'sufficient time' was available to the police for making sufficient arrangements... The answer is negative," the CAT said in its order. "Because of a shortage of time on June 4, 2025, the police were unable to make the appropriate arrangements," it said.

In its order, the CAT found that prior permission was not taken for the stadium event as per rules. Citing the letter given by Karnataka State Cricket Association (KSCA) to Inspector, Cubbon Park, on June 3 before the final match, the Tribunal said the letter was in violation of Licensing and Controlling of Assemblies and Public Procession (Bengaluru City) Order, 2009, as per which permission needed to be taken seven days in advance from Additional Commissioner of Police incharge of law and order.

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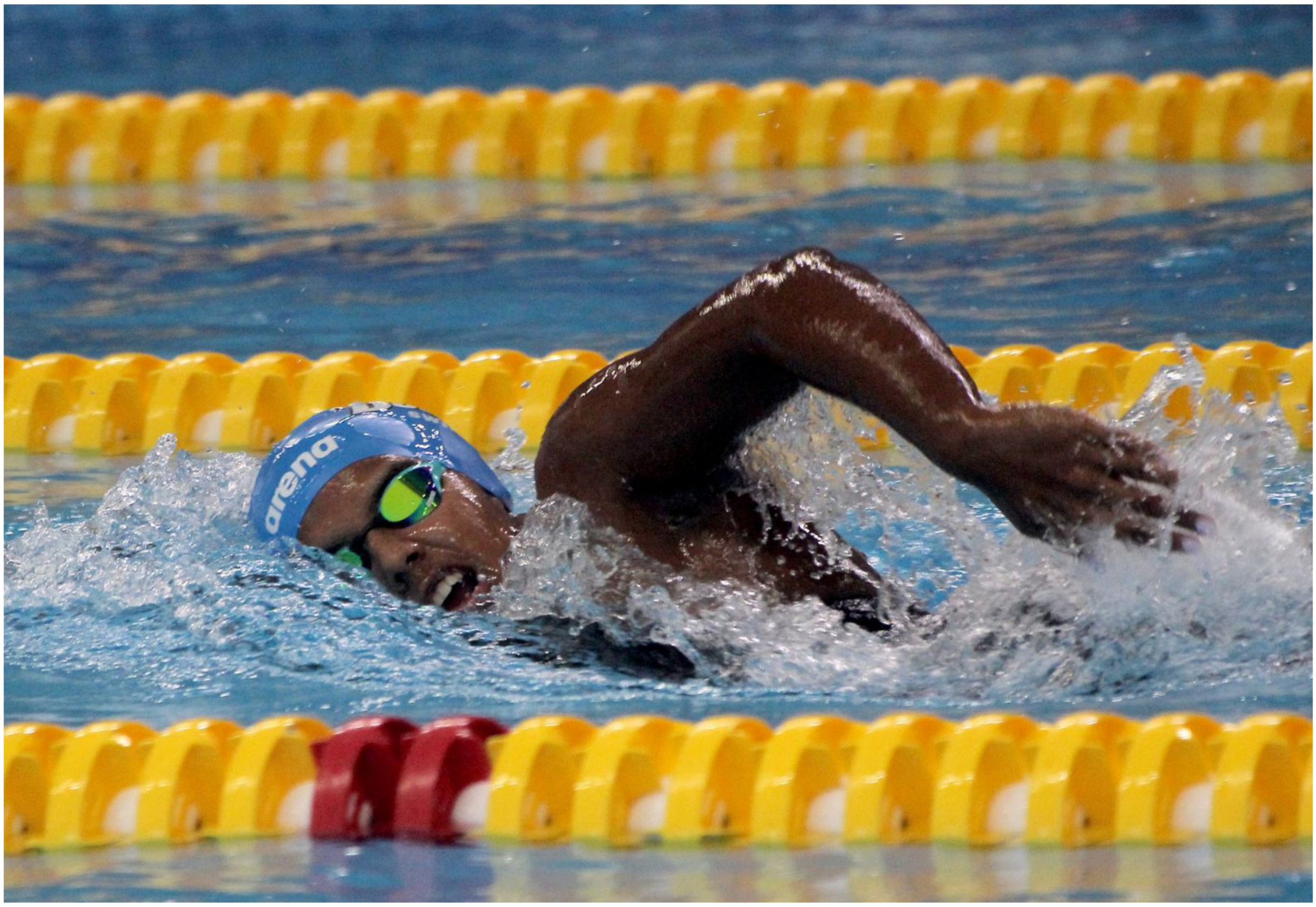

BISWARANJAN ROUT

I really hope I can change Indian swimming for women one day

The youngest from the country to participate in the 2024 Paris Olympics talks about the experience and wants to build on the takeaways in a busy season ahead

INTERVIEW

Dhinidhi Desinghu

Y.B. Sarangi
BHUBANESWAR

At 14, Dhinidhi Desinghu, who competed in women's 200m freestyle in 2024 Olympics, was the youngest Indian to participate in the Paris Games. The teenager showed her class earlier this year when she bagged 11 medals, including nine gold, to emerge as the Best Athlete in the Uttarakhand National Games.

With several important international events lined up in the coming months leading up to the 2026 calendar, which has the Commonwealth Games and Asian Games, Dhinidhi has been working on her overall development as a swimmer.

During the National aquatics championships at the Kalinga Stadium Aquatic Centre here, the Karnataka girl, now a 15-year-old, recalled her Games experience, how it felt to share the competition arena with global stars, and her dreams for the country.

Excerpts:

How do you look back at your preparations for the Paris Olympics?

Obviously, trying to qualify for Paris 2024 wasn't a major goal. Getting into the Olympics and representing the country is the ultimate goal, but I didn't think that it was going to happen last year.

The preparation was going well, but I didn't put too much stress on getting into it. I'm quite happy that I got the chance to represent India at the Olympics last year.

How was your experience at one of the biggest competitions in the world?

It wasn't easy to get in and I sacrificed so much. I was happy that I got the chance.

It was inspiring to see all those Olympians and see how they take care of themselves before and after a race... what they eat, how they warm-up. We get to learn so much from them.

It was, honestly, an amazing experience getting to see them in person and watch them in action. It is something that you don't really watch on TV. It's a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. People dream of seeing them and I had the privilege to see them live.

What are the other learnings from that experience?

I learnt a lot like where do I start, how to properly execute my races by watching other people, how they do their races, what they eat before the race and how that improves their performance, and how much they rest. Every small aspect is really important. And how much technology they use going into their races. I hope that one day we, in India, go that way too and increase our chances.

Has the Paris participation boosted your confidence?

Obviously, I feel a lot more confident going into the meets. But we have to stay humble and make sure that we are not getting too over confident.

Sometimes (there's) a little bit of pressure knowing that you are the Olympian. You have to show and make sure that you are on top, which is sometimes stressful. Trying to think that I am just 15 lets the pressure out when competing with older participants in the 23-24 age category.

This year you did really well in the National Games...

I wanted to do well in the National Games. My goal was to be the best Indian athlete and

BISWARANJAN ROUT

I worked really hard for it. Training countless hours in and out of the gym. Getting that best Indian athlete was an incredible achievement. I hope I get to do many more National Games and become the best Indian athlete again.

How do you look forward to 2026?

I focus on the present in order to make sure what is happening now goes well. We have the Asian Games, Commonwealth Games and Commonwealth Youth Games next year apart from many other competitions.

I have big goals for them. I have a knowledgeable and supportive coach, Nihar (Ameen) sir, who will take care of all the planning and training. I have a lot of people with me on my team to help me out through this journey. I'm just going to trust them.

I have a good chance in the Asian Youth Games. It's in October. So I do have a shot at a medal there.

Any particular area where you're working to improve your game?

My overall performance matters a lot, including the minute details from the race. It's obviously not possible to execute a perfect race, but making only minor mistakes is the ultimate goal. We start by looking at it in the training sessions.

How about competing with swimmers who are much older than you?

I've been doing the senior Nationals since I was 12 years old. So I'm quite familiar with the people.

It isn't really all that stressful nowadays. The more meets I compete in, the more confident I get with the people as they become familiar faces. That reduces the pressure a bit, making sure that I focus on my race and not care about how others are swimming. That's important.

You are taking care of your body. But what about the mental training?

That is quite crucial. I have a psychologist (Shree Advani, the brother of billiards and snooker star Pankaj Advani) who takes care of it. I have worked with him for a year now. It has been going really well. He works with many Olympic athletes. I'm happy that he is on my team. He has been helping me mentally. I used to have a lot of panic attacks and fall sick before my events because of how scared I was. I have grown a lot since then.

What about funding?

I have a sponsor in Olympic Gold Quest (OGQ). I've also recently been in the TOPS development programme and they've been supporting me financially.

Who is your idol?

I look up to a lot of people. There are so many great swimmers - Summer McIntosh, Sarah Sjostrom, Katie Ledecky.

On the men's side, too, there are a lot of inspiring people. There is not only one person whom I look up to. I look up to each person's different strengths, strokes, skills (underwater)... I hope to develop by blending various styles and clinch gold at the Olympics some day. I really hope that I can change Indian swimming for women one day.

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Tribunal quashes suspension of IPS officer Vikash Kumar

The CAT found that none of these provisions were followed. "The KSCA submitted a letter which also did not contain any request for granting the permission or for making the arrangements. The letter shows only the information regarding the intention," the CAT said, adding, "Upon the basis of this letter, *prima facie* the police was not bound to give any facilities or to provide any support. In spite of that, the police provided the proper arrangements as far as possible".

Detailing how the Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB) announced a victory parade repeatedly on June 4 on its social media handles, the CAT observed that "prima facie it appears that the RCB is responsible for the gathering of about three to five lakh people."

"Suddenly, they posted on social media platforms and as a result of aforesaid information, the public gathered," it said, referring to it as "creating nuisance without any prior permission," elsewhere in the order.

'No convincing materials'

Quoting from the terms of reference to the judicial inquiry commission formed by the State Government to probe the stampede case, on June 5 ("Identification of persons responsible for lapses/deficiencies that led to the incident" being one) the CAT said that this showed that till June 5, "it was not ascertained who are responsible for the lapses and deficiencies."

"At the time of passing of the aforesaid order there was no convincing material for showing the default or negligence of the concerned police officers," the CAT said.

Option to appeal

Responding to the order, Mr. Siddaramaiah said that there was an option to appeal against the order in the High Court and the State government would take a call on it soon.

State police chief issues SOP for crowd management

It stresses pre-event planning: anticipating the size of the crowd and directs the police to conduct behavioural and spatial analysis simulations for crowd movement

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M.A. Saleem

The State police chief, M.A. Saleem, has issued a detailed Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for crowd management at events and mass gatherings. This comes in the backdrop of the stampede outside the M. Chinnaswamy Stadium in Bengaluru that killed 11 people on June 4.

In the circular, Mr. Saleem said that "police responses must prioritize life safety, protection of rights, prevention of property damage, and de-escalation of potential conflicts" and that "early planning, coordination with stakeholders, and minimal use of force are essential guiding principles." He said that "modern gatherings are often spontaneous and influenced by social media, necessitating adaptive strategies," prompting the SOP.

The SOP stresses pre-event planning: anticipating the size of the crowd and directs police to conduct behavioural and spatial analysis simulations for crowd movement, identify bottlenecks and potential high-risk areas using available tools.

Venue safety audit

The circular further asks the police to carry out a venue safety audit, which should include capacity limits, entry/exit routes, emergency evacuation plans, and communication infrastructure. "Any venue that fails safety audits must not be approved for high-footfall events," the circular said.

The SOP also directs police to consider the possibility of counter-protests and demonstrations, risk to nearby vital installations, past behaviour at similar events and availability of emergency services.

The SOP calls for development of a crowd management/operational plan approved by the Commissioner/SP which needs to be circulated among personnel.

Apart from stressing on clearly defined roles for personnel deployed, the SOP calls for access control to venues wherever possible using technology. "Use digital ticketing and reserved seating to streamline entry. Implement checkpoints with metal detectors, QR code scanning, or biometric systems as far as possible," the SOP says.

Public address system

The SOP stresses a centralised but open communication with the crowd through a public address system and to provide real-time updates on wait times. It directs the medical emergency services to be connected to the PA control room, so that they respond to any call for help immediately.

At the event, the SOP directs police personnel to use barricades to control access and organize queues, ensure separate access lanes for VIPs, differently abled, general public and staff, to have a spacious and organised holding area for crowd entry and mark all emergency exits clearly and keep them unobstructed.

'Avoid confrontation'

The SOP clearly directs police personnel to avoid confrontation or provocation, maintain professional demeanour and avoid engagement with protesters unless necessary. When crowds need to be dispersed, police are to first explore non-coercive methods. They have been directed to isolate and detain only violent or disruptive individuals where possible.

SOP directs personnel to provide three structured warnings before dispersal, identifying offenses and exit routes. It even directs officials to record warnings using audio visual equipment where feasible. "Maintain logs of key decisions, warnings, and crowd behaviour. Record crowd activity through audio/video for accountability and evidence," the SOP says.

Power supply cut off to Chinnaswamy stadium over fire safety breach

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Power supply to the M. Chinnaswamy Stadium of the Karnataka State Cricket Association (KSCA) was cut off on Monday by the Bangalore Electricity Supply Company (Bescom) due to the non-compliance of fire safety regulations by the stadium.

On June 10, the Director General (DG) of the Department of Fire and Emergency Services issued an order and wrote to Bescom to disconnect power supply to the stadium as they had not taken proper fire safety measures.

"On June 13, we issued a notice to KSCA and asked them to comply with fire safety regulations to avoid power disconnection. As they did not comply, we first cut off electricity supply on June 15," said a senior official from Bescom.

The official said that following those developments, KSCA wrote to Bescom and asked for 15 days time to comply to fire safety as many members of their management had resigned and the new ones were yet to take charge and set things right.

The High Court had criticised Bescom for continuing to provide electricity to the stadium despite clear violations of fire safety protocols. "As the DG's orders were clear, our management did not agree to provide them 15 days' time and instead gave them 7 days' time. The notice for the same was issued on June 20, meaning that by June 27, they would have to comply to all the fire safety norms," he said.

As KSCA failed to comply even after the provided window, the power utility disconnected power supply on Monday as June 28 and June 29 were holidays. "While our officials were ready to disconnect the power anyway, the developments in the High Court on Monday also implied that power supply should be cut off. Hence, the Shivajinagar Sub-division officials cut off power supply to the stadium," the official said.

Bescom officials made it clear that unless KSCA complies with the fire safety norms, power supply will not be restored. "They (KSCA) have to get a No Objection Certificate from the Department of Fire and Emergency Services and submit it to Bescom. Only then will we restore power supply," the official said.

Bandstand in Lalbagh dismantled for restoration

Jahnavi T. R.
BENGALURU

A view of the Bandstand at Lalbagh in Bengaluru after it was dismantled, on Tuesday. K. MURALI KUMAR

Bandstand, the iconic wooden structure in Lalbagh Botanical Garden with a history of over 150 years, has now been dismantled, months after the structure developed cracks due to weather factors.

An expert committee chaired by environmentalist A.N. Yellappa Reddy has been constituted by the Horticulture Department to oversee the restoration and renovation work of the structure. The committee also consists of officials from the Horticulture Department, Public Works Department (PWD), Karnataka Shilpakala Academy, Department of Archaeology, Museums and Heritage and scientists from the Institute of Wood Science and Technology (IWST), among others.

"As it is a structure with historical importance, we are conducting its restoration in almost the same way ancient temples are restored. The structure has currently been dismantled by the Indian National Trust for Art and Cultural Heritage (INTACH) as per the recommendations of the Expert Committee, which met three times. Every piece that has been removed is being numbered for reference," Ramesh D.S., director, Horticulture Department, told *The Hindu*.

The experts from IWST and the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) will visit Lalbagh to bifurcate the dismantled wood into 'usable' and 'unusable' categories. "They will conduct several tests, like the pressure test, among others, and decide which pieces can be used again. Based on their observations, they will give us an estimate of how much teak wood and other materials are necessary for the restoration, which will then be submitted to the directorate and the Horticulture Minister for approval," said another senior official from the Horticulture Department.

The Bandstand in Lalbagh was set up by the British in 1870 and has since hosted many military and police bands that played there. Consisting of wooden pillars, a seating area, and an artistic roof, the wooden structure was restored in 2004.

By August 15

Mr. Reddy, who chairs the expert committee, said the work on the Bandstand is expected to finish by August 15 in time for the Independence Day flower show. The area surrounding it has currently been cordoned off to the public to avoid injuries or any mishaps.

"As the restoration is a technical process and requires procurement of specific materials, the work might take longer than we expect. As of now, we plan to have it ready by August 15. Even if that is not possible, we will try to finish it in the best time possible," Mr. Reddy said.

When asked what will be done to preserve the heritage of the Bandstand while restoring it, he said, "We will incorporate new materials only wherever it is necessary for durability purposes. As Lalbagh is a place frequented by many, like regular walkers, flower show visitors, and even miscreants who might try to tamper with the structure, we need to ensure that the restored Bandstand will be foolproof."

Man held for series of house break-in thefts across city

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The Madivala police tracked down a 48-year-old habitual offender involved in over 133 house break-in theft cases across Bengaluru city over the past eight years.

With the arrest of the accused identified as Prakash Balaji, the police have detected as many as 13 cases reported in the South East division alone. The police have recovered valuables worth ₹75 lakh and a bike he used to commit crimes.

According to the police, Balaji used to move around the area wearing a delivery boy uniform to avoid undue attention. After identifying the houses he would make a duplicate key from the key machine he owned to gain entry into the houses.

M.A. Mohammed, police inspector, Madivala, who tracked down the accused, said that the accused had purchased the key-making machine online and learnt the art of making duplicate keys by watching YouTube videos.

Based on a house break-in and theft complaint reported in Venkatapura in Koramangala on May 25, the police analysed footage from over 150 CCTV cameras before identifying the accused.

Five from Rajasthan held for robbing city-based jeweller

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

According to the police, four of the accused came to the city to work as daily wage labourers

The K.R. Puram police have arrested a gang of five from Rajasthan, who had allegedly robbed a jewellery shop after threatening the staff at knife-point and made away with gold valuables worth ₹50 lakh.

The accused have been identified as Narayanalal, 43, Keeraram, 35, Pushpendra Singh, 35, Mahendra Gehlot, 27 and Dilip Kumar, 36, from Rajasthan. Four of the accused had come to Bengaluru to work as daily wage labourers and reportedly ganged up to commit robberies to make quick money.

As per the plan they zeroed in on a jewel shop on Seegehalli, and on May 5 the accused posing as customers entered the shop. The owner of the shop had gone for lunch leaving the staff at the shop. The accused allegedly threatened the staff at knife-point and emptied the tray which had 41 gold chains worth ₹50 lakh and escaped.

Based on a complaint, the police analysed technical evidence gathered from in and around the scene of crime and zeroed in on the accused from their hometown near Jodhpur in Rajasthan.

The police also arrested a receiver of a stolen property as the 5th accused, and recovered 478 gm of gold valuables from them. The accused have been produced before the court and remanded in judicial custody.

Two -day project expo at Sapthagiri NPS varsity

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A two-day engineering project expo began on Tuesday at Sapthagiri NPS University. As many as 1,515 engineering students showcased their innovative projects on day one.

The exhibition was inaugurated by M. Nagaraj, registrar evaluation; N.C. Mahendra Babu, dean, School of Engineering; associate deans, and project coordinators.

The exhibition featured 303 projects, with 201 software projects and 102 hardware projects demonstrating the technical prowess of the student community. Among the notable innovations displayed were Nirbhaya: The Spyware, a firefighter robot, a waste management system, a smart irrigation system, and a radar-based smart security system.

Racket creating mule accounts for cybercrimes unearthed

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BENGALURU

Sleuths say the probe revealed the suspected involvement of some bank officials in the scam

While probing a cybercrime, the Central Crime Branch (CCB) busted a gang of four for creating mule accounts to help cyber crooks divert the swindled money into these accounts.

According to city Police Commissioner Seemanth Kumar Singh, the accused allegedly misused Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises' Udyam Portal to open bank accounts in the name of daily wage workers, which were then misused for cybercrimes.

With the arrests, the CCB officials have frozen over 357 bank accounts that were being supplied to cybercriminals to be used as mules to allegedly launder the proceeds of cybercrimes. The investigation also revealed the suspected involvement of some bank officials in the scam, which is being probed.

The accused have been identified as Lakshmeesh N, 33, a loan recovery agent; Prakash H, 43, a private firm employee; Sunil Kumar, 45, an unemployed youth; and Puttaswamy, 54, a car driver. The accused hail from in and around Bengaluru and probe is on to ascertain their links with the cyber crime network.

Initial investigations revealed that the accused lured gullible people and used their credentials to open bank accounts . The accused would take the bank details, including the debit cards, and operate them themselves. The accused would also share a small amount of profit with the account holders on a monthly basis in return of the favour, Mr. Singh said.

"For every ₹1 lakh transaction, the account holders received ₹4,000 as commission. We are probing if the bank account holders were also involved. Some of the mule accounts seized are also tied to shell companies," said Mr. Singh.

The CCB also found that there were transactions amounting to crores of rupees from the said bank accounts, and over 100 cases were detected across the country registered with the National Cybercrime Reporting Portal (NCRP) where these accounts were flagged. Police also suspect the involvement of several others in the racket and efforts are on to track them down to ascertain their involvement. The officials also recovered a laptop, four mobile phones and several bank accounts and cheque books and being analysed for further investigation.

A file photo of the Kempegowda International Airport in Bengaluru.

Case registered after KIA gets fresh hoax threat email

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Kempegowda International Airport on Sunday received a fresh email threatening to blow up the airport, which later turned out to be a hoax, according to the officials.

Based on a complaint by the airport staff, the airport police on Monday registered an FIR against the user of cicbangalore@aai.aero. The case has been booked under sections 125 (Endangering human life or personal safety), 351(4) (Criminal intimidation), and 353(1) (Making publishes or circulates any statement, false information, rumour, or report, including through electronic means) of BNS.

According to the complaint, the Airport Authority of India received a mail claiming that the KIA was under a terror attack and must be evacuated.

The police conducted a thorough check, and later confirmed it as hoax. Efforts are under way to track down the accused through the IP address.

Groundwater crisis deepens in Karnataka's hard rock terrain

In the Upper Arkavathy watershed, farmers drill borewells into the granite bedrock, creating microfractures that fast-track rainwater deep underground. As a result, instead of recharging shallow aquifers, water bypasses them entirely, disrupting local hydrology, weakening long-term water retention, and causing the water table to drop every year

Neelanjana Rai

Stretching across much of peninsular India, the Deccan Plateau hides a silent, subterranean struggle. Beneath its sun-baked soil lie ancient, fractured layers of basalt and granite – hard rock aquifers that dominate the region's groundwater story.

In Karnataka, this rocky reality is nearly absolute: about 99% of the State relies on these stubbornly unyielding formations for its water needs. With limited porosity and a dependence on narrow fractures and weathered pockets to store and move water, these geological formations offer far less than they promise, unlike the generous flow of sedimentary aquifers.

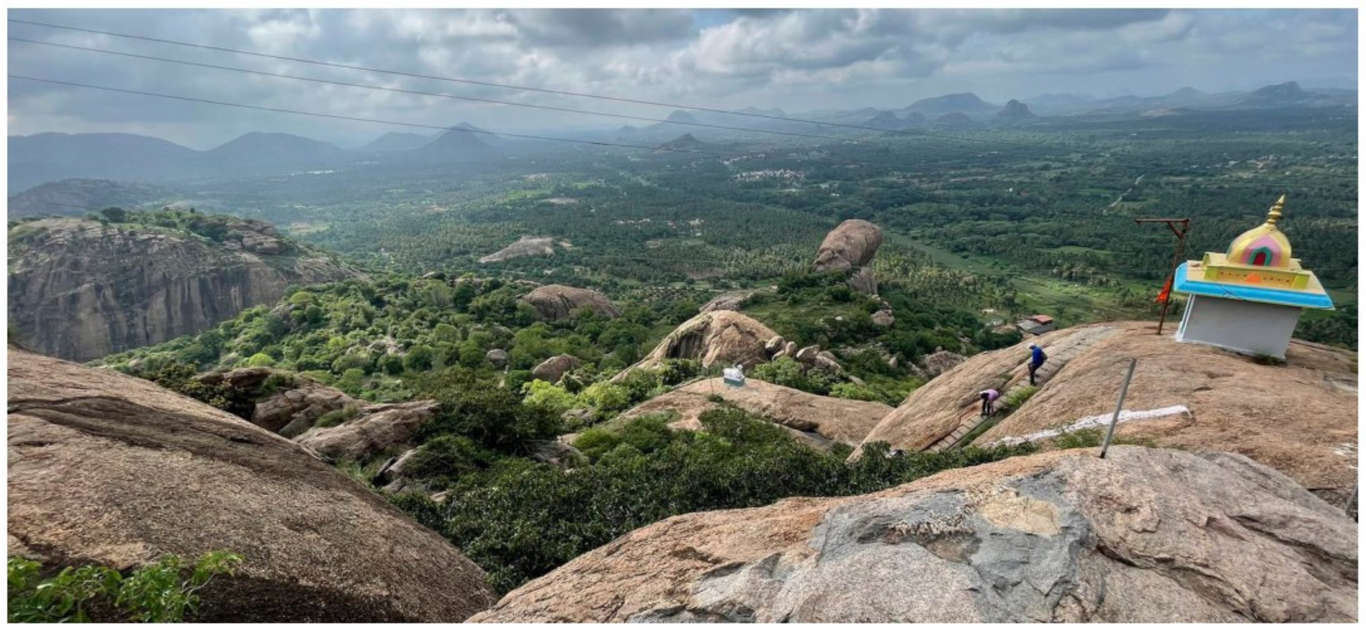
In a new study, researchers from the Water, Environment, Land and Livelihoods (WELL) Labs in Chennai examined Aralumallige and Doddathumakuru gram panchayats in the Upper Arkavathy watershed near Bengaluru, revealing a sharp decline in groundwater levels driven by intensive agricultural practices.

These areas supply vegetables, exotic crops, and flowers to Bengaluru, banking on water-intensive farming. While monsoon rains offer seasonal relief, farmers depend on deep borewells for the rest of the year. Borewells drilled into granite bedrock alter the subsurface geology, creating microfractures that fast-track rainwater deep underground. As a result, instead of recharging shallow aquifers, water bypasses them entirely, disrupting the local hydrology and weakening long-term water retention.

Every year, the water table continues to drop. According to the study, published recently in *PLoS Water*, the average depth of gram panchayat drinking water borewells dramatically increased from 183 m during 2001-2011 to 321 m in 2011-2021. Thus almost 55% of all wells drilled in the Aralumallige sub-watershed have failed, with a staggering 70% of drinking water wells failing within a decade of their construction, primarily due to falling water tables.

The study also highlighted water quality issues. While nitrate levels in drinking water were often higher than the prescribed norm of 50 mg/l, people didn't abandon their wells. Interviews with gram panchayat officials revealed that only two of the 79 abandoned borewells were shut due to elevated fluoride concentrations.

The findings collectively suggest groundwater quality issues, while acknowledged, aren't the primary drivers of borewell abandonment. Instead, the overwhelming cause is the chronic and severe depletion of the water table.



Trekkers explore the Kunagalu Betta with the Arkavathy river flowing to one side, in Ramanagara district about 50 km from Bengaluru. Researchers recently conducted studies in Aralumallige and Doddathumakuru gram panchayats in the Upper Arkavathy watershed. MURALI KUMAR K./THE HINDU

Mounting challenges

Electricity is free for farmers, but gram panchayats are grappling with a mounting economic crisis. The frequent drilling of deep borewells, which require powerful pumps, has pushed them into steep electrical debt. Revenue collection can't cover the ballooning annual power bills, directly affecting the ability of panchayats to maintain rural water infrastructure. Funds meant for development projects are being redirected to cover utility costs, stalling local progress. Meanwhile, the State government has begun pressuring panchayats to pay outstanding taxes despite their financial strain.

Borewell drilling costs are borne by individuals. For small farmers, this means investing ₹4-5 lakh in a single borewell, with no guarantee of success. Many end up leasing their land and migrating to urban areas for a stable income. Labour, pump installation, and infrastructure expenses have hit the rural economy hard.

Despite widespread awareness of water scarcity, there have been few efforts to educate farmers on the consequences of water-intensive cropping. The region's terrain limits greywater reuse and youth migrating away further disrupts sustainable practices.

While Karnataka banned eucalyptus farming due to the species' high-water use, its long-term impact on groundwater persists.

The new study also pointed to a broader concern: despite widespread groundwater overexploitation, there is very little quantitative evidence on the risks to water sustainability at the local level. This makes it difficult to predict borewell failures or estimate the true costs faced by drinking water authorities.

Panchayats are grappling with an economic crisis. Borewells that require powerful pumps have pushed them into electrical debt. Revenue collection cannot cover power bills, affecting the ability to maintain water infrastructure. Funds for development are being redirected to cover utility costs

The researchers have argued that poor water resource management is the biggest threat to sustained rural drinking water access in India. While global "water, sanitation, and hygiene" initiatives focus on technical and financial infrastructure, they often overlook the foundational problem: neglected resource management.

Efforts in motion

In the study, the researchers used data from the Sujala Project, a key groundwater recharge initiative by the Karnataka government, to trace depletion trends. They also referenced the Jal Jeevan Mission, India's flagship programme for universal piped water access, which has funded new infrastructure and replaced failed borewells. While the study wasn't directly critical of these programmes, it argued that long-term success hinges on addressing the root crisis: groundwater depletion and the financial strain it imposes on local governance.

As Lakshmikantha N.R., one of the study's authors, put it: "Until and unless you change the farming technique of over-extraction, no amount of recharging will change the state of the groundwater" in Aralumallige, Doddathumakuru, and other rural parts of the Deccan Plateau. He also recommended that gram panchayats begin compensating farmers for using less electricity and extracting less water, encouraging more sustainable practices while reducing rising electricity bills.

"If such an initiative isn't taken," he warned, "within 3-4 years there will be no groundwater left to drink or use."

Until the 1970s, Bengaluru depended on tanks and reservoirs to replenish groundwater. But with the advent of borewells, which operate on shorter timescales, traditional systems were abandoned. In Aralumallige, the local lake, once a key recharge reservoir, has now been encroached upon, its soil dug up, its green cover denuded. Before borewells, the lake's discharge channels helped recharge surrounding areas. In 2022, despite heavy rainfall, the lake remained dry.

The findings paint a sobering picture: without urgent shifts in agricultural practices and stronger local governance, groundwater in the Deccan Plateau may slip beyond recovery. According to the researchers, sustainable farming, recharge infrastructure, and policy incentives must work in tandem and not as afterthoughts. The study recommends better policies and technologies to help rural farmers and governing bodies use their resources without inviting a crisis.

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THE GIST

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Researchers found that poor management is the biggest threat to drinking water access. The root issues are depletion and the financial strain on local bodies. They warn that unless farmers are compensated to use less water, within 3-4 years there will be no groundwater left

BIG SHOT

An aerial view of a damaged bridge and submerged buildings at a flood-affected village in Kaili, in southwestern China's Guizhou province, on June 28, 2025. AFP

QUESTION CORNER

When tension is good

Vasudevan Mukunth

Q: How does the material of a string affect an instrument's sound?

A: The purpose of a string in a string instrument is to vibrate and produce sounds. How it vibrates is decided by its mass per unit length, its stiffness, and how well it allows vibrations to flow through its body — all of which depend on its material.

The pitch of the sound is directly proportional to the tension in the string and inversely proportional to the vibrating length and the mass-length ratio. As a result, steel or titanium — which have higher tension and less air drag — are better at sustaining sounds, whereas nylon or gut allow for sounds that decay faster because they convert energy to heat more quickly. Because steel and titanium are also stiffer, they can produce brighter, higher notes, reaching into the edgy, while perlon strings are better at keeping overtones close to the harmonic series, yielding a warmer timbre.

The relationship between the material and the sound also extends to bowed versus plucked strings. Since a rougher gut surface grabs the rosin on the bow, it provides a strong bite at lower bow pressure. Steel, on the other hand, demands the faster and heavier pluck to start cleanly.

Finally, the material matters to the player, too. Gut and nylon strings are softer under the fingers and produce better sounds for smaller rooms but are more sensitive to changes in temperature and humidity. Likewise, steel and titanium are firmer, can produce sounds to fill a hall, and better withstand changes in weather.

A musician rehearses at the Stax Music Academy, in Memphis, U.S. AP

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Five killed, 3 injured in road accident in Doddaballapur

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Residents and police trying to take out the injured from the car following the accident on the outskirts of Doddaballapur on Tuesday. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

As many as five persons were killed and three others injured after the car they were travelling in overturned after losing control in a bid to overtake a lorry on the outskirts of Doddaballapur on Tuesday morning.

The deceased have been identified as Eshwarappa, 75, Kalappa, 69, Purushotham, 62, Narasimhamurthy, 50, the driver of the car, and Gopinath, 52. The injured Kumara, Nagappa, and Shivaram, who were critically wounded, were being treated at a private hospital.

The Doddaballapur has registered a case of death due to negligence and rash and negligent driving against the car driver.

According to the police, the victims are residents of Karenahalli and part of a morning walk friends group.

The victims were heading to visit a temple in Bheemeshwara Betta and hired a cab.

The incident occurred when Narasimhamurthy, driving the car tried to overtake a lorry moving ahead near Makalidurga. The driver noticed the bus coming from opposite direction and lost control. The car slipped off road and rolled around eight times before coming to a halt.

While Eshwarappa, Kalappa, Purushotham, and Narasimhamurthy died on the spot, Gopinath succumbed to his injuries at the hospital.

Jyoti Nivas College unveils art installation

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Jyoti Nivas College (Autonomous) unveiled an art installation titled 'The Beacon' at its entrance on June 25. The monument features four women symbolising the college's vision of communion, service, excellence, and relevance. It is complemented by a water cascade.

Principal Sr. Mary Louisa S dedicated the statue to the past, present, and future students.

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Those who adopt dual piping and use treated water to be incentivised

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The Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) has announced that bulk users who will adopt dual piping and use treated grey water for non-potable purposes will be incentivised.

"We will prepare a proposal to incentivise bulk users who adopt dual piping and place it before the Board in the next meeting," said V. Ram Prasath Manohar, Chairman, BWSSB.

"If they adopt dual piping, they will already be saving on their water bill. But the Board will incentivise them further, probably through a discount on the bill," he said.

Deputy Chief Minister and Bengaluru Development Minister D.K. Shivakumar had recently batted for dual piping to be adopted in the city like in Delhi.

Mr. Manohar held a meeting with bulk users in the city on Tuesday. Speaking at the meeting, Mr. Manohar said that the Board wants to harness solar energy in the infrastructure available to them, and aims to ensure that 80% of the energy needs of the Board are drawn from solar power that harnesses on its own.

"The biggest component of our expenses is the power bill. Bescom charges us ₹6.5 per unit, while it provides residential power at ₹5.5 per unit. Of every ₹100 we spend to provide water, ₹70 is spent on power bills. To overcome this, we want to harness solar power," he said.

Report: Over 50% of future start-ups will rise outside metros

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A report by the Bengaluru chapter of The Indus Entrepreneurs has projected that more than 50% of Indian startups by 2035 will emerge from Tier 2/3 districts.

Titled 'India as a Startup Superpower by 2035, A Strategic Roadmap', the report was released at the 10th edition of the Matrix Global Summit by TiE Bangalore.

It was prepared with inputs from more than 60 ecosystem leaders, including founders, investors, policy experts, and academic institutions.

The report calls for a nationwide shift from 'Startup India' to 'Entrepreneurial Bharat', where entrepreneurship is no longer a metro-driven phenomenon, but a grassroots movement embedded in school curricula, regional economic clusters, and national priorities. It outlines actionable strategies to democratise access to capital, embed entrepreneurial education across academic institutions, and streamline regulatory policies to support high-impact founders across every Indian district.

The document also positions entrepreneurship as a core life skill, proposing its inclusion across 75% of secondary schools and 80% of higher education institutions by 2035. Covering themes across policy, capital, academia, talent, and deep tech, it explores how India can create an innovation economy that contributes 15% to GDP, creates 50 million new jobs, and generates 100+ IPOs on global exchanges by 2035.

Infosys cofounder Kris Gopalakrishnan, who spoke at the event, noted that an entrepreneurial mindset should come into the research ecosystem. "It needs to start thinking big. We can do it," he said.

"These are large multi-year, multi-disciplinary mission mode programmes, like creating the human brain atlas, cure for cancer, cure for Alzheimer's, understanding dementia, creating an autonomous vehicle... In IIT Madras they want to do hyper loop. Every institute must do that. They are doing hundreds of thousands of small incremental projects, like publishing papers. Let that go on. But they must come up with a mission mode programme because the spin out from that will be really large. We need to look at global leadership and creating large businesses with export potential," he said.

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COMMON RECRUITMENT PROCESS FOR RECRUITMENT OF PROBATIONARY OFFICERS/ MANAGEMENT TRAINEES AND SPECIALIST OFFICERS (Vacancies of 2026-27) IN PARTICIPATING BANKS

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The Online Examinations for the upcoming Common Recruitment Process (CRP) for Recruitment and Selection of Probationary Officer/ Management Trainee Posts and Specialist Officers' Cadre Posts in Participating Public Sector Banks are tentatively scheduled as follows:

IMPORTANT DATES		
Activity	**PO/MT**	**Specialist Officers**
On-line registration including Edit/Modification of Application by candidates	01.07.2025 to 21.07.2025	01.07.2025 to 21.07.2025
Payment of Application Fees/ Intimation Charges (Online)	01.07.2025 to 21.07.2025	01.07.2025 to 21.07.2025
Conduct of Pre-Exam Training	August 2025	–
Online Examination – Preliminary	**August 2025**	**August 2025**
Result of Online exam – Preliminary	September 2025	September 2025
Online Examination – Main	**October 2025**	**November 2025**
Declaration of Result – Main Examination	November 2025	November 2025
Personality Test	**November/ December 2025**	–
Conduct of interview	December 2025/ January 2026	December 2025/ January 2026
Provisional Allotment	January/ February 2026	January/ February 2026

Candidates are advised to regularly visit the official IBPS website www.ibps.in for details and updates.

Candidates intending to apply are advised to read detailed Notification carefully and ensure that they fulfil the minimum eligibility criteria on the stipulated dates before registering online. Candidates must follow the instructions mentioned in each detailed Notification.

Mumbai
Date: 01.07.2025 **DIRECTOR**

PARADIP PORT AUTHORITY
PARADIP - 754142, ODISHA (INDIA)
(An autonomous body under Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways, Govt. of India)
No. AD/RSC-22-75-2024/1344 Dated, the 23rd June, 2025

Advertisement

Applications are invited from Indian Nationals for engagement of 01 (one) (UR) **Engineer In-Charge (Tug) (Class-II)** on **Direct Recruitment basis** in Paradip Port Authority.
For further details, visit our website : **www.paradipport.gov.in/Career.aspx.**
PPA/PR/22/2025-2026, Dt.24/06/2025
Sr. Asst. Secretary, Paradip Port Authority

ASSAM SOCIETY FOR COMPREHENSIVE FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (AS-CFMS)
(A Registered Society under Finance Department, Govt. of Assam)
Block F, Assam Secretariat, Dispur, Guwahati – 781006, Assam

Engagement of Macro-Economist
Advt. No.: AS-CFMS/HR/Consultant/2024-25/400139-2 **Dt.: 17-06-2025**

AS-CFMS invites applications for the following positions on a contractual basis:

Sl. No.	Position	Required Min Experience	No. Vacancy	Place of Posting
1	Macro Economist	3 And Above on State Finance	1	The selected candidate may be assigned a completely offshore role, with a maximum of up to 30 days of onshore attendance within a 12-month period. This attendance may be distributed throughout the year based on project requirements. Any extension beyond the 30-day period shall be subject to mutual agreement. The associated cost of onshore visits shall be borne by AS-CFMS.

The remuneration for the selected candidates shall be decided based on his/her expectations, experience and expertise. However, remuneration is no bar for a deserving candidate.
For more details, interested candidates may visit the AS-CFMS page on website https://finance.assam.gov.in
The last date for submission of application is **July 10, 2025, till 2400 hours.**

Sd/-
Commissioner & Secretary to the Government of Assam,
Finance Department and Project Director, AS-CFMS

DIPR /DF/ HIND/ 484/ 2-Jul-25

Text&Context

THE HINDU

NEWS IN NUMBERS

Number of opposition officials detained by Turkey on Tuesday

120 Turkish authorities detained a former mayor and dozens of municipality officials in Izmir over alleged corruption, extending a crackdown against the country's main opposition party. The Izmir Public Prosecutor's Office issued arrest warrants against 157 officials. AP

Fine collected by the Railways Jammu division in June

3.4 In ₹ crore. The Jammu division of the Northern Railway launched a campaign against irregular travel and illegal vending on trains. During the ticket checking campaign in June by the checking staff, 5,462 cases of irregular travel by passengers were detected. PTI

The increase in India's iron ore output from April to May

0.60 In per cent. India's iron ore production rose marginally to 53 million metric tonnes (MMT) in the April-May period of the ongoing fiscal. As per provisional data, production of iron ore was 52.7 MMT in the same period of the previous fiscal. PTI

Charities calling for an end to the Gaza aid distribution system

170 More than 170 non-governmental organisations called for the U.S.- and Israeli-backed food aid distribution scheme in Gaza to be dismantled over concerns it is putting civilians at risk. More than 500 people have been killed near distribution centres. AFP

The increase in gross GST collections in the month of June

6.2 In per cent. Gross GST collections increased by 6.2% to over ₹1.84 lakh crore in June, as per government data released on Tuesday. Gross GST collections during the same month a year ago were ₹1,73,813 crore. PTI

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A look at India's sports policy journey

When was a dedicated Department of Sports created? Why did India's sports policy remain tepid while the global sport ecosystem thrived in the 1980s to 2000s? How have Indian athletes fared over the decades? Does India have a chance to host the Olympics?

EXPLAINER

Malathi Renati

The story so far:

Sport in India can trace its roots back to pre-historic times, when physical skills that are now foundational to modern sports were then integral to daily life. As hunters and gatherers, humans relied on abilities like archery, wrestling, swimming, and climbing, not for recreation, but for survival. These have now evolved into the individual and team sports that we are familiar with today.

How did sports do post 1947?

India's sports policy journey since 1947 must be seen in the context of the nation's broader socio-economic development. Post the British Raj, India's prime focus was on rebuilding the nation by addressing poverty, health, and education. It is therefore understandable that sectors like sports did not feature prominently in the national agenda. Even so, India hosted the first Asian Games in New Delhi in 1951, a bold assertion of the country's regional aspirations and soft power. In 1954, the government set up the All-India Council of Sports (AICS) to advise on sports matters, support federations, and fund elite athletes.

However, allocations were modest, resulting in athletes missing international competitions due to a lack of financial support. For nearly three decades, nothing notable transpired on the policy front. Yet, India's men's hockey team dominated the Olympics from 1920 to 1980. And Indian athletics saw stars emerge such as Milkha Singh (200/400m), Gurbachan Singh (decathlon), Praveen Kumar Sobti (discus and hammer throw), and Kamaljeet Sandhu, the first Indian woman to win an individual gold medal at the Asian Games.

When did India's sports policy begin?

The 1982 Asian Games catalysed change.

Over the ages: Russian coach Imant Kuklich and Uday Prabhu (sprints coach) giving a pep talk to the 'athletics probables' at the SAI camp, Kengeri in 1990. THE HINDU ARCHIVES

The government created a dedicated Department of Sports under the Ministry of Human Resource Development. Riding the post-Games momentum, India finally unveiled its first National Sports Policy (NSP) in 1984. The NSP 1984 aimed to improve infrastructure, promote mass participation, and raise standards in elite sports. It also stressed the importance of integrating sports with education, which was formalised in the 1986 National Education Policy. That same year, the Sports Authority of India (SAI) was established to implement policy, and athlete development programs.

While global sports ecosystems evolved rapidly between 1986 and 2000, they remained tepid in India. Sports is a 'State' subject in the Constitution and though the Union government had earmarked it a modest budget, the involvement of society and markets were minimal. Policies remained weak, and implementation inconsistent. India's economy too remained sluggish through the 1980s. However, 1991 marked a turning point, with the emergence of liberalisation. This economic shift coincided with cultural changes. Cable television, global exposure, and a rising middle class brought greater visibility and aspiration for sports. A Draft NSP in 1997 recognised this, proposing that States focus on broadbasing, while the Union concentrated on elite excellence. But it never went beyond the draft stage.

How has sports evolved post-2000?

In 2000, India created a dedicated Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports (MYAS). A revised National Sports Policy was launched in 2001, setting clearer goals for mass participation and international excellence. This period also saw sports feature in the Union Budget, albeit with a small allocation. India's Olympic medal tally remained modest, with Rajyavardhan Rathore's silver (2004), Abhinav Bindra's gold (2008) and bronzes in boxing from Vijender Singh (2008) and Mary Kom (2012).

In 2011, the National Sports Development Code (NSDC) was introduced, aiming to regulate and professionalise National Sports Federations (NSFs). It addressed governance, anti-doping, age fraud, betting, gender issues etc. but as always, implementation remained the hurdle.

However, several impactful schemes were launched over the years – TOPS (Target Olympic Podium Scheme 2014) provided elite athletes with coaching, nutrition, and infrastructure support; Khelo India (2017) conducted youth talent identification across schools and universities; and the Fit India Movement (2019) promoted physical activity and fitness as a public health priority.

Can India host the Olympics?

India's intent to host the 2036 Olympics has ignited momentum. In 2024, the government released both the Draft National Sports Policy and the Draft National Sports Governance Bill for public feedback. Whether these make it to law remains to be seen. The good news is that yesterday the NSP 2025 was announced, unveiled as " Khelo Bharat Niti - 2025", reinforcing India's 2036 Olympic bid.

Similarly, measures that have been deliberated for a while, like the Draft National Code for Good Governance in Sports, 2017 should be given the go-ahead. India had the ignominious distinction of topping the latest global doping list released by WADA. It's about time for all stakeholders to move beyond self-interest and enforce reforms for the larger good of Indian sport. We must now prioritise scientific coaching, physical literacy, and sports in education. Lasting change demands sustained action. Building a 'sporting nation' doesn't happen overnight.

Malathi Renati is Head of Policy School at the Takshashila Institution.

THE GIST

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Why is Google buying out some of its employees?

What are 'backdoor layoffs'? Are other major companies also letting go of their employees?

Sahana Venugopal

The story so far:

Google has taken action to reduce its workforce across departments, by using a mix of strategies. These measures involve announcing a voluntary exit programme for several teams based in the U.S., and mandating a hybrid work schedule for remote workers who live within 50 miles of an approved office.

What is the buyout programme?

According to an internal memo shared by *Business Insider*, the Senior Vice President of Core Systems at Google, Jen Fitzpatrick, said the company was offering a Voluntary Exit Program (VEP) for Core Googlers in the U.S. This means that eligible Google employees, called Googlers, will be allowed to resign and also receive severance pay. The buyout option was offered to employees in Google's Knowledge and Information and central engineering teams. Those in the marketing, research, and communications teams could also avail the option, as per *CNBC*. This is not the first time Google has offered a voluntary exit to workers; the company had proposed buyouts to eligible U.S.-based employees in its People Operations department and its Platforms and Devices group, per media reports.

Employee buyouts are a less drastic way for companies to reduce their headcount, although the exact number of departing employees is hard to predict. Because employees choose to leave, this strategy triggers less bad press than a mass layoff. It further reduces the risk of fired employees legally challenging their termination. In the case of large layoffs, U.S. companies may have to provide advance notice to labour regulators.

In early 2023, when Google announced it was cutting around 12,000 jobs or about 6% of its workforce, it faced significant backlash. Since then, Google has carried out smaller layoff rounds across its voice assistant units, hardware teams (Pixel/Nest/Fitbit) advertising sales team, and its AR team. Earlier this week, the live layoffs tracker Layoffs.fyi claimed that 75 Google employees were to be laid off, citing a report by *The Information*.

What is Google's new remote policy?

In addition to the employee buyouts across several divisions, Google confirmed that multiple teams were asking remote employees to transition to a hybrid work schedule where they would spend three days in office. This can trigger employee resignations, with labour advocates sometimes terming this strategy as "backdoor layoffs."

However, Ms. Fitzpatrick claimed that the company's intention was not to reduce the number of Core Googlers, and that it was aimed at internal mobility and creating growth opportunities.

What about other companies?

Apart from Google, other major tech companies that let go of employees in recent weeks include Intel and Microsoft.

Intel is planning to shut down its small automotive business and cut most workers there, according to a report from the *Oregon Live/The Oregonian*. Another report from the outlet cited an internal memo to claim that Intel is planning to lay off about 15% to 20% of its factory workers. Meanwhile, Microsoft is planning major cuts in its Xbox gaming division, according to *Bloomberg*. Early this month, the company confirmed it would cut about 305 jobs. This came even after Microsoft laid off around 6,000 employees in May, or about 3% of its global workforce.

What are Google's other challenges?

In the coming months, U.S. Judge Amit Mehta is expected to consider proposed remedies by the U.S. DOJ and Google itself to curb Google's status as an illegal monopoly in some search markets. The DOJ has favoured measures such as the forced divestment of Chrome and the formation of a Technical Committee to oversee Google's legal compliance. The tech giant naturally supports more lenient measures that do not significantly damage its lucrative business or its top position in the search market.

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ಸಹಿ/- ನಗರ ಮತ್ತು ಗ್ರಾಮಾಂತರ ಯೋಜನಾ ಜಂಟಿ ನಿರ್ದೇಶಕರು ಹಾಗೂ ಸದಸ್ಯ ಕಾರ್ಯದರ್ಶಿಗಳು, ದೊಡ್ಡಬಳ್ಳಾಪುರ ಯೋಜನಾ ಪ್ರಾಧಿಕಾರ, ದೊಡ್ಡಬಳ್ಳಾಪುರ

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE

Office of the Senior Assistant Director of Horticulture, BBMP, Dasarahalli Zone, Hesaraghatta Main Road, MEI Layout, Bagalagunte, Bengaluru-560073

No. SADH/DZ/TENDER/8/2025-26 Date: 01.07.2025

INVITATION FOR SHORT TERM TENDER

Two Cover System (Only through GoK KPP Portal)

The Senior Assistant Director of Horticulture (Dasarahalli), BBMP, Bengaluru on behalf the Commissioner, BBMP invites tenders from eligible and experienced persons / agencies / firms for the following works.

Sl.No.	Name of the Work
1	Beautification, landscape development, water facility and other civil works in Kansiram Ambedkar Park in Ward No. 15, Kammagondanahalli.
	Amount put to tender (Excluding GST) : **Rs. 84,74,447/-.** EMD: **Rs. 1,69,489/-**
2	Beautification, landscape development, water facility and other civil works in Dasarahalli Assembly Constituency Parks.
	Amount put to tender (Excluding GST) : **Rs. 1,69,45,748/-.** EMD: **Rs. 2,54,186/-**

Stipulated period of completion: **6 months.**

Calendar of Events: **(1)** Tender documents may be downloaded from KPP Portal **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in from 04.07.2025. (2)** Date of Pre-bid Meeting: **05.07.2025 at 11.30 am. (3)** Last date & time for submission of tender document: **10.07.2025 upto 4.30 pm**. **(4)** Date of opening of Technical bids : **11.07.2025 at 11.30 am. (5)** Date of opening of Financial bids : **14.07.2025 at 12.00 pm.** Further details may be obtained from the above office during office hours or from KPP Portal **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/- Senior Assistant Director of Horticulture Dasarahalli Zone, BBMP

Government of Karnataka

Office of the Executive Engineer, Minor Irrigation And Ground Water Development Division, Ballari

IFT No. EE/MI & GWDD/Bly/AE-2/2025-26/718

Date : 30.06.2025

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION (KW-4)

On behalf of Hon'ble Governor of Karnataka the Executive Engineer, Minor Irrigation and Ground Water Development Division Ballari invited the tender for the work of under **Head of Account 4702 MOT** work in Ballari Dist., Sanduru Taluk **03** Works in **Two Cover System Minimum Estimated amount put to tender is Rs.393.30 lakhs, Maximum Estimated amount put to tender is Rs.401.40 lakhs** the tenderers should download and submitt the tenders from **date : 30.06.2025 to 07.07.2025 upto 17.30 hours. Date & Time of opening Technical Bid is on 09.07.2025 at 11.00 hours. Opening of Financial Bid is on 11.07.2025 at 11.00 hours**. Any other information should get by login the website **"KPPP"** website http:// kppp.karnataka.gov.in

Sd/- Executive Engineer, M.I.&G.W.D.Division, Ballari.

DIPR/Ballari/231/KSMCA/2025-26

Office of the Chief Administrative Officer, District & Sessions Court, Bengaluru Rural District, Bengaluru

No. ADM/105/2025 (Manpower for FTSCs) Date:25.06.2025

SHORT-TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION

e-Bidding is invited for Request for Proposals through e-procurement portal **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** from eligible service providers **interested to supply the Manpower through Outsource to the Courts of FTSC-I, FTSC-1-II and FTSC-III, Bengaluru Rural District, Bengaluru for a period of 01 year, which may be extended for two more years, (Total 03 years), renewable each year, from the date of commencement.** Details: **Item Code: ADM/105/2025 Manpower/FTSC123.** Cadres: **(1) Typists: 6 Nos. (2) Attender: 3 Nos. (3) Peon; 3 Nos. Total 12 Nos.** Tender No. issued by KPPP: HCK/2025-26/SE0054 dated 25.06.2025. Estimated Approx. Total Tender Cost: **Rs. 36,39,698/-** per annum. E.M.D.: **Rs. 36,400/-.** Closing date & time for submission of Tender Proposal: **24.07.2025 at 5.01 PM.** Date & time of opening the Tender: Technical: **25.07.2025 at 5.02 PM.** Financial: Upon approval of Technical Bid. Pre-bid Meeting: **15.07.2025 at 4.30 PM.** For further details contact office phone no.: 080-22939388, e-mail: admnbrd1@gmail.com

Sd/- I/c. Chief Administrative Officer, District & Sessions Court, Bengaluru Rural District, Bengaluru.

DIPR/DD-C.P/1532/KSMCA/2025-26

Karnataka Public Works Department

Office of the Engineer-in-Chief, PRAMC, PWD, Bengaluru-560001

No.: EIC/PWD/05/PRAMC/2025-26/579 Date: 01.07.2025

SHORT TERM TENDER

The Executive Engineer, PRAMC, KPWD invites Short Term Tender for Sixteen Road Safety works in Yadgiri, Tumakuru, Mysuru, Chikkaballapura and Dharawada Districts. Further details can be obtained from Karnataka KPP Portal (https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in) from **02.07.2025, 5:30 PM** onwards.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, PRAMC, KPWD, Bengaluru

DIPR/CP/LC/1552/2025-26

BENGALURU METROPOLITAN TRANSPORT CORPORATION

Traffic Commercial Department, 2nd Floor, Shanthinagar TTMC, K.H.Road, Shanthinagar, Bengaluru - 560 027.

No.: BMTC/CO/TR/COM/1813/1429/2025-26 Date: 30.06.2025

TENDER NOTIFICATION No. 10/2025-26 (Call-2)

(e-Procurement Platform)

Bengaluru Metropolitan Transport Corporation invites bids from the interested Persons/Agency/Company on monthly license fee basis for **ATM Counters at various bus stands of BMTC and Prestige St. Johnwood Apartment Flats** through e-procurement platform.

Last date & time for submission of bids	**15.07.2025 up to 17:00 hrs.**
Date of opening Financial bids	**17.07.2025 at 11.30 hrs.**

For further details on license fees, EMD, Area & other conditions log on to: **www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in** & Contact No: 09240214000, 09240214001, 22371090, 22340060, 22340948 or 7760997519 & 7760991222, E-mail:**ctmc@mybmtc.com.**

Sd/- Chief Traffic Manager (Com) (Tender inviting Authority)

SOUTH INDIAN Bank

CIN: L65191KL1929PLC001017

Regional Office-Bangalore, Door No.74, Ward No.111, 2nd Floor, Sumeru Towers, Brigade Road, Near St. Joseph's College of Commerce, Museum Road PO., Bangalore-560025. e-mail: **ro1010@sib.co.in**. Website: **www.southindianbank.com**

RO/BANG/REC/67/25-26 **Date:30.06.2025**

E - AUCTION SALE NOTICE

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6)&9(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the borrowers/guarantor that the below described immovable property mortgaged to the South Indian Bank Ltd, Branch Bangalore-Cantonment (Secured Creditor), the Physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of The South Indian Bank Limited (Secured Creditor), will be sold on "as is where is" basis, "as is what is" and "whatever there is" condition on **29.07.2025** for recovery of an amount of **Rs.15,93,588.56 (Rupees Fifteen Lakh Ninety Three Thousand Five Hundred Eighty Eight and paisa fifty six only)** as on **30.06.2025** with future interest, costs and expenses etc. thereon due to The South Indian Bank Limited, Branch Bangalore-Cantonment(Secured Creditor), from the above mentioned Borrower(s) and guarantor(s). **(1) Sri Vincent Joseph**, S/o. Late P V Joseph, and **(2) Smt. Seena Vincent,** W/o. Vincent Joseph, both of them residing at No. B2-1204, Golden Palms Apartment, Hennur Main Road, Near Kristu Jayanti College, K Narayanapura, Bangalore – 560 077.E-mail : **vincentputhanapra@gmail.com** (Both of them also at : Flat No. A1-1004, 10th Floor, Block A, Tower A 1, Golden Palms Apartment, Hennur Main Road, Near Kristu Jayanti College, K Narayanapura, Bangalore – 560 077).

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

Name of Property Owner : Mr. Vincent Joseph

All that part and parcel of land measuring East to West : 30 feet, and North to South : 40 feet, totally admeasuring 1200 sq.ft. along with usufructs and improvements thereon, bearing Site No. 59, V.P. Khatha No. 59, formed in Sy. No. 117, formed in Layout known as "CHRIST RESIDENCY", duly converted for residential purpose, situated at Sonnur village, Lakkur Hobli, Malur Taluk, Kolar District owned by Sri Vincent Joseph vide Sale Deed No.1029/2014-15 dated 14.05.2014 of SRO Malur and bounded on the North by : Site No. 58, East by : Layout Road, South by : Site No.60 and West by : Site No. 40.

Reserve Price	**Rs.9,00,000/- (Rupees Nine Lakh Only)**
Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	**Rs.90,000/- (Rupees Ninety Thousand Only) on or before 28.07.2025**
Bid Increment amount	**Rs.10,000.00** (Rupees Ten Thousand Only)
Date and time of E-auction	**29.07.2025 from 11.00 AM (with 5 minute unlimited auto extensions till sale is concluded)**
Encumbrances known to the Bank	Nill

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in web portal of South Indian Bank Ltd, (Secured Creditor) website i.e. **www.southindianbank.com.** Details also available at **https://bankauctions.in** For any further clarification with regards to inspection of property, terms and conditions of the e-auction or submission of bids, kindly contact South Indian Bank Ltd on **9740866232**

Date : 30.06.2025 **Sd/- Authorised Officer**
Place : Bangalore **The South Indian Bank Ltd.**

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are informed that my client Mr.Prakash C and Mr.Santhosh C, have jointly intended to purchase a Property Agricultural Land bearing Present Sy.No. 41/13 (old Sy.No. 41/12), Earlier Sy.No.41, measuring to an extent 06 Guntas, Situated at Kotnatevaru Village, Channarayapatna Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural District and bounded on the:

East by: Sy.No.41/3, **West by:** Government Road, **North by:** Northern Portion of Property in Sy.No.41/12 retained by Sri.Sathya Narayana and Sri.Bharat.B.R., **South by:** Sy.No.41/12 retained by Sri.Sathya Narayana and Sri.Bharat.B.R.,

Persons having any right over the said property may lodge their objections/ claims with documentary evidence within 7 days from this day to the undersigned. In the absence of any claims within the above said period, it shall be deemed that there are no such claims or that if there are any claims and they have not been made, it shall be deemed to have been waived.

P. NAGAMUNI REDDY, Advocate, SNN Associates, No.248, 2nd Floor, 10th Main, 1st Block, 100 Feet Road, HRBR Layout, Kalyan Nagar, Bengaluru – 560043, Land Mark – Near Horamavu Signal, Above Canara Bank & HDFC ATM. M – 9945159840, 9741942790 & 8892918857.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Our client has negotiated for the purchase of the Schedule property from its owners **1) Mrs.Sowmya C S** Daughter of Channagangappa. E **2) Mrs. Sujatha D** wife of Channagangappa E, both are residing at, No.101, 4th Block, 1st Main Road, 3rd Phase VTC Banashankari 3rd Stage, Bengaluru-560085, for valuable consideration. Any Person/s, firm/s, institution/s etc., claiming to have any right, title and interest in the Schedule property or having any claims/ objections of whatsoever nature, to the proposed sale of Schedule property in favour of our client, are required to lodge/ intimate their claims/objections with documentary evidence in support thereof to the undersigned ***within 7 days*** from the date of publication of this notice, failing which our client shall proceed with the purchase of Schedule property without any reference to any such claim and the same if any shall be considered as waived and/or abandoned.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the residential **Property bearing Number 226,** BBMP EPID: 3288398185, (Old PID No.54-27-226), Situated at, **1st Cross, 3rd stage, 3rd Phase, 2nd Block, Banashankari, Bengaluru,** measuring **East to West 12.20 Mts and North to South 24.10 Mts, totally** measuring **294.02 square Meters** consisting of Stilt, Ground, First, Second and Third floor RCC building with built up area of 594.579456 square Meters bounded on:

East by: Site Number 225,
West by: Site Number 227,
North by: Road,
South by: Site Number 222.

Sd/-

Shanmukha. M.S, Advocate, M/s. S.V.H.Law Associates, Advocates & Legal consultants, No.201, 2nd Floor, Brigade Links, 1st Main Road, Sheshadripuram, Bengaluru 560 020. Mob: 9448615561

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KITTUR RANI CHANNAMMA URBAN CREDIT SOUHARD SAHAKARI NI.,BAILHONGAL

Head Office: Mruthyunjay Nagar, Belgaum Road, BAILHONGAL-591102

Sale by inviting Tenders / Public Auction* (A) Rule 8 (5) and (6) for Immovable property & (B) Rule 6 (1) and (2) for movable property under Security Interest(Enforcement)Rules 2002.*

Sale by Tender under the Securitisation & Reconstruction of Financial Asset And Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002of immovable property charged/mortgaged to KITTUR RANI CHANNAMMA URBAN CREDIT SOUHARD SAHAKARI NI., BAILHONGAL Branch for recovery of the secured debt under "AS IS WHERE IS CONDITION" in all respects and subject to statutory dues if any :**

Sl. No.	Name and address of Borrower/s, /Surety/ies/ Guarantor/s	Loan Balance Rs.	Details of Assets Secured (with Boundaries in case of immovable properties)	Reserve Price Rs. EMD	Last Date for submission of Tenders & verification of assets	Place & Date of opening of Tenders/ Auction & Time
1	The Chairman & Trustees, Dr.V S Sadhunavar Foundation. Bailhongal (Borrowers) 1.Sri. Virupaxi Shivalingappa Sadhunavar. H.No.421/2, Mruthyunjay Nagar, Bailhongal Tq; Bailhongal, Dist; Belagavi 2.Sri. Kiran Virupaxi Sadhunavar H.No.421/2, Mruthyunjay Nagar, Bailhongal Tq; Bailhongal, Dist; Belagavi Now residing at. Sadhunavar Farm House, Shindolli Mala. Near Belgaum Public School. SHINDOLLI Tq;& Dist; Belagavi (Sureties/ Guarantors) Loan A/c No; 537/96	Rs. 9,44,76,075/- and interest & cost of expenses from 01/01/2024	NA Land in RS.No.191/6 measuring 20Gunta & RS No. 191/7 measuring 20Gunta at BAILHONGAL. Dist; Belagavi including School building, equipments, furnitures & fixtures. Boundries: East: RS No. 191/2 West:RS.No.193&192 South: RS.No. 191/7 North: RS No. 192&191/1	Reserve Price Rs. 8,00,00,000/- EMD Rs.8,00,000/-	28/07/2025	On 29/07/2025 at 3PM (after noon) at Sahakari's Head Office, Bailhongal
2	Smt. Krupa w/o Rajesh Karale #335, Karale Building, Near Sangli High School, Mahaveer Nagar, Sangli-416416 (Maharastra State) (Borrowers) 1.Smt. Pooja w/o Kiran Sadhunavar. H.No.421/2, Mruthyunjay Nagar, Bailhongal Tq; Bailhongal, Dist; Belagavi Now residing at. Sadhunavar Farm House, Shindolli Mala. Near Belgaum Public School. SHINDOLLI Tq;& Dist; Belagavi. 2. Sri. Veerangouda Shivangouda Patil At & Post: NERALI Tq: Hukkeri Dist: Belagavi (Surety/ Guarantor) Loan A/c No; 1502/ 115	Rs. 10,04,44,020/- and interest & cost of expenses from 01/01/2024	Panth Nagar of Panth Balekundri Gram Panchayat Property No, 625 (E- Property No. 150400301900101339) & Property No, 626 (E- Property No. 150400301900101749) Entire Building (excluding 1650 Sq.ft building), equipments, furnitures & fixtures Boundries: No.625 East: Plot No.135 West:Plot No.137 South: Plot No.116 North: Road Boundries: No.626 East: Plot No.115 West:Plot No.117 South: Road, North: Plot No.136	Reserve Proce Rs. 8,00,00,000/ EMD Rs. 8,00,000/-	28/07/2025	On 29/07/2025 at 3PM (after noon) at Sahakari's Head Office, Bailhongal
3	M/s Bharat Talkies. Bailhongal Represented by its Partners (Borrowers) 1.Sri, Akabarsab Hasansab Makanadar At & Post: AMATUR Tq: Bailhongal, Dist: Belagavi 2. Sri, Mahaveer Nemanna Bhavi At & Post: AMATUR Tq: Bailhongal, Dist: Belagavi (Sureties/ Guarantors) Loan A/c No; 1502/137	Rs. 4,37,60,680/- and interest & cost of expenses from 01/01/2024	CTS Nos. 3724,3725,3726, 3727, 3728,3729,3730,3731 & 3732 measuring 1390.16 Sq.mtrs. at Somawar peth, BAILHONGAL Tq; BAILHONGAL.Dist; Belagavi Entire Building & Shops in complex Boundries: East: CTS No.3723 & 3716, West: CTS No. 3737 &447 South: CTS No.3733,3743 & 3745 North: Govt. Road	Reserve Price Rs. 7,20,00,000/- EMD Rs. 7,20,000/-	28/07/2025	On 29/07/2025 at 3PM (after noon) at Sahakari's Head Office, Bailhongal
4	Smt. Shruti D/o Virupaxappa Sadhunavar 4th floor, Prerana PU College, Near Gomatesh Vidya Peeth, Hindwadi,(Anigol), BELGAUM Dist: Belgaum (Borrower) 1.Sri. Veeranagouda Shivanagouda Patil. Basava Nagar, 6th Cross, BAILHONGAL-02 Dist: Belgaum 2. Smt. Pooja w/o Kiran Sadhunavar. H.No.421/2, Mruthyunjay Nagar, Bailhongal Tq; Bailhongal, Dist; Belagavi Now residing at. Sadhunavar Farm House, Shindolli Mala. Near Belgaum Public School. SHINDOLLI Tq;& Dist; Belagavi (Surety/Guarantors) Loan A/c No. 1502/144	Rs. 23,19,22,936/- and interest from 01/01/2024 & cost of expenses	Property situated at Hindawadi (Anigol) Bhagyanagar,Tq & Dist; Belagavi Entire Building In CTS No. 2975, in RS No.74/4 Flat No.3&4 bearing Corporation No.768/34B (6Gunta 7Ana 66Paise) measuring 663.75 Sq.mtrs. Boundries: East: CTS No.2974 West:CTS No.2976ol South: CTS No. 2976 North: Vidya Peeth Road	Reserve Price Rs. 12,00,00,000/- EMD Rs. 12,00,000/-	28/07/2025	On 29/07/2025 at 3PM (after noon) at Sahakari's Head Office, Bailhongal
5	Smt. Trupti w/o Santosh Patil Plot No.114, Beside Café Trio, Jdhav Nagar Double Road, Jadhjav Nagar, BELAGAVI (Borrower/s) 1.Smti. Shruti D/o Virupaxi Sadhunavar 4th floor, Prerana PU College, Near Gomatesh Vidya Peeth, Hindawadi(Anigol), Belagavi (Suerty/Guarantors) Loan A/c No. 1502/167	Rs. 13,76,82.850/- and interest from 01/01/2024 & cost of expenses	Entire Building in Property bearing Gram Panchayat No. 1287/A (E-Property No. 150401000300 120169) measuring 529.20 Sq.mtrs. situated at YARAGATTI Dist: Belagavi Boundries; East: Panchayat property (Public Toilet) West: Property of Sri. Iranna Ishwarappa Gadad, North: ROAD South: Property of Balad Mahantesh Jakati	Reserve Price Rs. 3,00,00,000/- EMD Rs. 3,00,000/-	28/07/2025	On 29/07/2025 at 3PM (after noon) at Sahakari's Head Office, Bailhongal
6	Smt. Trupti w/o Santosh Patil Plot No.114, Beside Café Trio,Jdhav Nagar Double Road, Jadhjav Nagar, BELAGAVI (Borrower/s) 1.Smt. Usha w/o Virupaxi Sadhunavar #421/2, Mrutyunjay Nagar, BAILHONGAL-591102 Dist:Belagavi. 2.Smti. Shruti D/o Virupaxi Sadhunavar 4th floor, Prerana PU College, Near Gomatesh Vidya Peeth,Hindawadi(Anigol), Belagavi (Suerty/Guarantors) Loan A/c No. 1502/173	Rs. 11,45,07,615/- and interest from 01/01/2024 & cost of expenses	Entire Building in Property bearing No. 1706/45 (E-Property No. 150400200700120087) measuring 247.12 Sq.mtrs situated at Guruvar peth, Baligar Oni, KITTUR . Tq.Kittur Dist: Belagavi Boundries; East: Plot No.44, West:Govt.School North: Teacher's Education Cooperative society Building South: ROAD	Reserve Price Rs. 1,80,00,000/- EMD Rs. 1,80,000/-	28/07/2025	On 29/07/2025 at 3PM (after noon) at Sahakari's Head Office, Bailhongal
7	The Chairman & Trustees, Dr.V S Sadhunavar Foundation. Bailhongal (Borrowers) 1.Sri. Virupaxi Shivalingappa Sadhunavar. H.No.421/2, Mruthyunjay Nagar, Bailhongal Tq; Bailhongal, Dist; Belagavi Suerty/Guarantor/s) Loan A/c No. 534/1737	Rs. 2,83,32,052/- and interest from 01/02/2024 & cost of expenses	NA property in RS No. 410/3B measuring 2Acre 05Gunta 09Ana Situated at Hire Bagewadi Tq: Belagavi Dist: BELAGAVIincluding School building, equipments, furnitures & fixtures.Boundries: East: property of Sri. B G Hadimani & Sri. Basanagouda BarigidadWest: Govt.Road,North: Property of Sri. Nagappa Hadimani South: Govt.Road	Reserve Price Rs. 2,85,00,000/- EMD Rs. 2,80,000/-	28/07/2025	On 29/07/2025 at 3PM (after noon) at Sahakari's Head Office, Bailhongal
8	Sri. Kiran Virupaxi Sadhunavar H.No.421/2, Mruthyunjay Nagar, Bailhongal Tq; Bailhongal, Dist; Belagavi Now residing at. Sadhunavar Farm House, Shindolli Mala. Near Belgaum Public School. SHINDOLLI Tq;& Dist; Belagavi (Borrower/s) 1.Sri. Anilkumar Channappa Angadi Mouneshwar Nagar, BAILHONGAL-591102 Dist: Belagavi 2.Sri. Veeranagouda Ramanagouda Patil Basav Nagar,7th Cross, BAILHONGAL-591102 Dist: Belagavi (Sureties/ Guarantors) Loan A/c No. 1502/136	Rs. 5,67,83,160/- and interest from 26/12/2023 & cost of expenses	NA Property in RS No.199/9 measuring 30 Guntas at Kumarswamy Layout, Kangrali.K.H. BELAGAVI Dist: Belagavi Boundries; East: RS No.199/10 West: RS No. 199/1 North: RS No.199/2 acquired by BUDA. South: RS No.222	Reserve Price Rs. 15,00,00,000/- EMD Rs. 15,00,000/-	28/07/2025	On 29/07/2025 at 3PM (after noon) at Sahakari's Head Office, Bailhongal
9	The Chairman & Trustees, Dr.V S Sadhunavar Foundation. Bailhongal Dist: Belagavi (Borrowers) 1.Sri. Virupaxi Shivalingappa Sadhunavar. H.No.421/2, Mruthyunjay Nagar, Bailhongal Tq; Bailhongal, Dist; Belagavi (Surety/Guarantor/s) Loan A/c No. 1502/1739	Rs. 6,75,70,709/- and interest from 01/02/2024 & cost of expenses	Entire Building in Property in RS No. 301/A(301/3) measuring 6Guntas & RS No. 301/2 measuring 6 Guntas bearing TMC No. 415/301/A/1 situated at Bailhongal -591102 Dist: Belagavi Boundries: East: Muncipality Road West: Prerana English medium School North: Property of Sri. M. G. Patil South: Property of Sri. Gangappa Bolannavar	Reserve Price Rs. 12,00,00,000/- EMD Rs. 12,00,000/-	28/07/2025	On 29/07/2025 at 3PM (after noon) at Sahakari's Head Office, Bailhongal
10	Sadhunavar Education Society ® Bailhongal Represented by its Director/s (Borrower/s) 1. Sri. Kiran Virupaxi Sadhunavar H.No.421/2, Mruthyunjay Nagar, Bailhongal Tq; Bailhongal, Dist; Belagavi Now residing at. Sadhunavar Farm House, Shindolli Mala. Near Belgaum Public School. SHINDOLLI Tq;& Dist; Belagavi 2. Smti. Shruti D/o Virupaxi Sadhunavar 4th floor, Prerana PU College, Near Gomatesh Vidya Peeth, Hindawadi(Anigol), Belagavi (Surety/Guarantor/s) Loan A/c No.1502/170	Rs. 41,75,62,740/- and interest from 01/01/2024 & cost of expenses	Property in RS No. 302/7,302/7/1, 302/1+2/28,29 to37 bearing TMC No. 415 measuring 43089 Sq.ft at Bagawan Chwal. BAILHONGAL-591102 Dist: Belagavi including building, & Open area.	Reserve Price Rs. 12,00,00,000/- EMD Rs. 12,00,000/-	28/07/2025	On 29/07/2025 at 3PM (after noon) at Sahakari's Head Office, Bailhongal
11	Sri. Virupaxi Shivalingappa Sadhunavar. H.No.421/2, Mruthyunjay Nagar, Bailhongal Tq; Bailhongal, Dist; Belagavi (Borrower) 1. Smt. Usha w/o Virupaxi Sadhunavar #421/2, Mrutyunjay Nagar, BAILHONGAL-591102 Dist:Belagavi. 2. Sri, Mahaveer Nemanna Bhavi At & Post: AMATUR Tq: Bailhongal, Dist: Belagavi (Sureties/ Guarantors) Loan A/c No. 1502/145	Rs. 8,67,33,720/- and interest from 01/04/2024 & cost of expenses	NA Land RS No. 231 measuring 1 Acre 03 Gunta situated Munavalli Tq; Savadatti Dist: Belagavi including School building, equipments, furnitures & fixtures Boundies: East: RS No. 80/3B West: Block No.76 North: RS No.80/1+2C South: Yaragatti- Munavalli Road	Reserve Price Rs. 8,00,00,000/- EMD Rs. 8,00,000/-	28/07/2025	On 29/07/2025 at 3PM (after noon) at Sahakari's Head Office, Bailhongal

Auction Terms and Conditions:

1) The intending bidders shall submit their bids in a sealed envelope along with a DD/Pay order of the EMD amount as mentioned above payable at the address given below. Such bids shall be submitted/sent before 5 PM on 02/08/2025. So as to reach the undersigned.

2) The EMD amount will be refunded to the unsuccessful bidders without any interest.

3) The sealed tenders will be opened by the Authorized Officer in the presence of the available/present tenderers.

4) In case the successful bidder fails to comply with the terms and time of sale and commits any default in any manner, the EMD money will be forfeited without any prior notice.

5) The successful bidder shall deposit 25% of the bid amount on the same day of sale through DD/Pay order as mentioned above and the remaining amount shall be deposited within 15 days from the date of confirmation of sale by the secured lender or Authorized Officer or within any extended time. Failing which, the entire amount deposited by the successful bidder till then shall stand forfeited.

6) The successful bidder shall bear all stamp duty, registration fee, incidental expenses etc. incurred for registration of sale certificate,

7) For inspection of the property and further details, Kittur Rani Channamma Urban Credit Souharda Sahakari Ni., Bailhongal Branch may be contacted on or before 28/07/2025 during office hours.

8) The Authorized Officer reserves the right to accept or reject any bid or postpone the opening of the auction or tenders without assigning any reason or to vary any of the terms and conditions of this sale without any prior notice.

9) The Authorized Officer may cancel/postpone the sale of the property or add/delete any terms and conditions without giving any notice to the public.

Place :BAILHONGAL
Date :02/07/2025

Sd/-Authorised Officer
Kittur Rani Channamma Urban Credit Souhard Sahakari Ni., Bailhongal

BUILDING BLOCKS

GETTY IMAGES

How does a telephone intercom function in an office setting?

The technology enabling seamless communication, both within and outside the organisation, is called EPABX. EPABX stands for 'electronic private automatic branch exchange'. The most critical component of an EPABX system is the switching mechanism

T.V.Venkateswaran

In most business environments, telephone calls are typically handled by a receptionist or directed to specific extensions using an internal intercom system. The technology enabling this seamless communication, both within and outside the organisation, is called EPABX. This system allows users to answer, transfer or forward calls as needed. It facilitates internal communication between different departments or branches, streamlining workplace connectivity.

What is EPABX?
EPABX stands for 'electronic private automatic branch exchange'.

When an employee, say Arun, wishes to call another colleague, Bharathi, within the same office, the EPABX system follows a structured procedure. Arun picks up the phone, completing an electrical circuit that sends an off-hook signal to the EPABX. The system responds with a dial tone, indicating that it is ready for input. Upon dialling the extension number, for example 104, the EPABX control unit identifies the corresponding line and connects Arun to Bharathi using its internal switching matrix.

For external calls, the procedure differs slightly. Arun begins by dialling an access code (commonly 0), followed by the external phone number. Instead of routing the call internally, the EPABX locates an available trunk line linked to the public switched telephone network (PSTN), which is the local telephone exchange. The dialled number is transmitted, and the call is connected, with voice signals passing through the EPABX to the external line.

If all trunk lines are occupied, the caller may hear a busy tone, indicating that no external lines are currently free.

How are incoming calls managed?
Incoming calls are managed differently based on the EPABX system configuration. The PSTN routes the call to an available trunk line on the EPABX. Older systems require a receptionist to transfer calls manually, but modern automatic EPABX systems enable callers to dial extensions directly.

Advanced digital EPABX setups can be programmed to play an interactive voice response menu, prompt callers to enter an extension or automatically route calls to predefined numbers, such as a reception desk. The switching unit then connects the caller to the desired extension without human intervention.

How does the switching mechanism work?
The switching mechanism is the most critical component of an EPABX system: it directs calls to the correct destination.

In early systems from the 1970s and 1980s, electromechanical switches such as crossbar relays were used. These worked similarly to adjusting a ceiling fan with a regulator, where turning a knob moved internal components to establish connections. When a call was initiated, an electromagnet would pull a copper strip, bridging two phone lines like a switch. This physical connection allowed voice signals to travel between extensions.

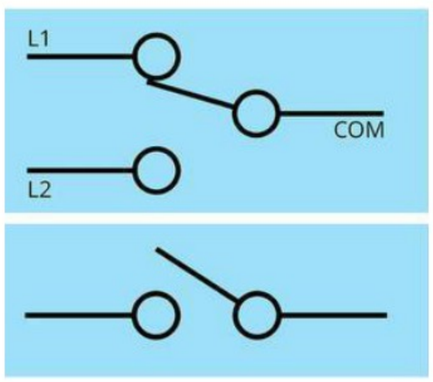
A basic electrical switch is like a tap. Turn it ON and current flows; turn it OFF and current stops. But telecom systems like EPABX use more complex switches.

The simplest variety is called 'single pole, single throw': it's like a light switch. The 'single pole, double throw' switch is more complex: it has one input and two output choices, like a fan regulator that switches between speeds. An even more complex switch is 'double pole, double throw', which has two inputs and four outputs.

Call switching in an EPABX is like a railway yard. An incoming call is like a train arriving at a central station with numerous platforms. The EPABX is the control system, directing the call to the correct extension just like a railway point switches guide trains to the right tracks.

When a user dials a number, the EPABX activates the proper sequence of relays, connecting the caller's line to the recipient's line, much like aligning railway tracks to allow a train to proceed smoothly to its designated platform. When the call ends, the relays are reset, preparing the system for the next connection.

Another way to visualise this switching process is as a multi-level network. A main incoming line can split into four branch lines, like platforms 1 to 4. Each of these branch lines can further sub-branch into sub-extensions, for example, 11, 12, 13, 14 under line 1; 21, 22, 23, 24 under line 2; and so on. If a call is intended for extension 104, the switcher activates the corresponding combination of relay switches in that order, completing the circuit to the correct line.



The **top** image shows the 'single pole, double throw' switch and the **bottom** image represents the 'single pole, single throw' switch.

What switching techs is used today?
With the growth of electronics in the 1980s, electromechanical switchers were replaced with electronic devices. A more advanced digital electronic system converted each voice signal into digital by using Pulse Code Modulation (PCM). It further utilised Time Division Multiplexing (TDM), wherein each voice channel is assigned a time slot, enabling multiple intercom users to use the system simultaneously.

With the advent of internet technologies, Voice over IP (VoIP) technology is utilised in modern digital PBX systems. Just as the IP address directs your email to the recipient, voice or multimedia communications are transmitted over the internet to the designated telephone instrument.

The evolution from electromechanical relays to digital switching has significantly enhanced EPABX systems. Today's EPABX technology integrates seamlessly with modern communication tools, supporting features like voicemail, call recording, and automated attendants.

T.V. Venkateswaran is visiting professor, IISER Mohali.

THE DAILY QUIZ

Please send in your answers to dailyquiz@thehindu.co.in

Here is a quiz on events that happened on July 2

Sindhu Nagaraj

QUESTION 1
On this day in 1964, the Civil Rights Act, perhaps the most important U.S. law on civil rights since Reconstruction (1865–77) and a hallmark of the American civil rights movement was signed. This was signed by which U.S. President?

QUESTION 2
This American jurist was the Supreme Court's first African-American justice. The word "Thoroughgood" preceded his name. He was born on this day. Who was he?

QUESTION 3
This American comedian-writer, born on this day, is best known for his show *Seinfeld*, created with Jerry Seinfeld. Who is he?

QUESTION 4
This American Nobel Laureate died on this day in 1961. He is known for his works, *A Farewell to Arms* and *For Whom the Bell Tolls*. Who was he?

QUESTION 5
This American businessman, who died on this day, developed the Ford Mustang, Lincoln Continental Mark III, and Ford Pinto cars while at the Ford Motor Company in the 1960s. He was also portrayed in the 2019 film *Ford vs. Ferrari*. Who was he?

Visual question:
Identify this American aviator who disappeared on July 2, 1937.

Questions and Answers to the previous day's daily quiz: 1. The meaning of 'Van Mahotsav'. **Ans: "Van" means forest and "Mahotsav" means great festival**
2. This person organised the first tree-planting week in July 1947 that inspired Van Mahotsav. **Ans: Botanist M.S. Randhawa organised it from July 20–27, 1947**
3. The year in which Van Mahotsav become a national festival. **Ans: In 1950, K.M. Munshi made it the national festival and shifted it to the first week of July**
4. The reason why Van Mahotsav is observed during the first week of July in India. **Ans: The onset of the monsoon improves the survival rates of newly planted trees**
5. This government body is responsible for organising the Van Mahotsav. **Ans: The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change promotes Van Mahotsav nationwide**
6. This person said "A growing tree is the living symbol of a progressive nation." **Ans: Jawaharlal Nehru**
Visual: Identify the woman planting the sapling. **Ans: Edwina Mountbatten**
Early Birds: Sadhan Panda| Pranab Biswas| Roshan Khomdram| Abhay Krishan

FROM THE ARCHIVES

Know Your English

K. Subrahmanian
S. Upendran

"What happened to you yesterday?"
"I am sorry I didn't turn up. But my old scooter bit the dust yesterday. You see I..."
"...what do you mean it bit the dust?"
"...do you know what 'bite the dust' means?"
"To tell you the truth, no!"
"When you say something has bitten the dust, it means it has completely stopped working. For example, I can say, my computer has bitten the dust."
"Meaning that your computer no longer works!"
"That's right!"
"Can I say our old grandfather clock bit the dust last week?"
"You can. Raju's car has bitten the dust."
"Tell me, do you use this expression only with things?"
"No, it can be used with people as well. But when you say that someone has bitten the dust, it means he/she is dead."
"Dead!"
"That's right. In movies the villain always bites the dust at the end."
"Meaning the villain dies in the end."
"Exactly!"
"Can I say I'm too young to bite the dust?"
"You certainly can. But the thing to remember is that 'bite the dust' is an informal expression and cannot be used in all situations."
"I guess I can use it with my friends. What do you plan to do with your scooter?"
"I'm busy looking for a second-hand scooter."
"Why don't you buy a new one?"
"Don't have the money. Almost bought a second-hand scooter today. But at the last minute the deal fell through."
"The deal fell through. Fell through what?"
"When you say a deal, plan or agreement fell through, it means that it was not completed successfully. Last year I was planning to visit Darjeeling, but at the last minute the plan fell through."
"My aunt and uncle were planning to marry off their daughter to some guy in the U.S. But the alliance fell through."
"That's a very good example. My company wanted to merge with another company. For some reason, the deal fell through."
"That's too bad. Let me give you some advice. I think you..."
"...it's adVICE. The stress is on the second syllable. The 'a' in the first syllable is like the 'a' in 'China'. And the final sound in the word is 's' and not 'z'."
"But I have heard everyone say 'z' and not 's'."
"If you say 'z' at the end, then the word you are saying is a..d..v..i..s..e."
"You mean there is a difference between a..d..v..i..c..e and a..d..v..i..s..e?"
"There most certainly is! A..d..v..i..s..e is a verb. For example, the Minister advised the Prime Minister."
"My teacher advises me all the time."
"A..d..v..i..c..e, on the other hand, is a noun. The Principal gave sound advice. In this case, the final sound is 's' and not 'z'."

Published in The Hindu on February 4, 1997.

Word of the day

Extemporaneous:
with little or no preparation or forethought

Synonyms: ad-lib, impromptu, off-the-cuff, offhand, unrehearsed

Usage: *He gave an extemporaneous piano recital.*

Pronunciation:
newsth.live/extemporaneouspro

International Phonetic Alphabet: /ɛkˌstɛm.pɜː(ɹ)ˈeɪn.i.əs/

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Devanahalli: Landlords became farm labourers after losing their land to projects

Farmers are not willing to part with their land for the proposed Aerospace Park; they are anxiously waiting to know the outcome of the State Cabinet meeting on Wednesday

B.S. Satish Kumar
BENGALURU

Jagadish, a farmer from Polanahalli of Devanahalli taluk, never faced any major financial issues, though his undivided large family had just 3.5 acres. He was an enterprising and hard-working farmer who cultivated multiple crops, including vegetables and flowers on his fertile land, besides rearing cows and sheep. Proximity to Bengaluru market ensured remunerative prices for his crops.

He was excited when the government set in motion the acquisition of 2 acres of his land for an Aerospace Park, as the offer was ₹1.10 crore an acre as compensation, against the then prevailing rate of ₹60 to ₹70 lakh an acre. He got the compensation amount in 2018.

But now, seven years later, he is a financially devastated man. From being a landlord, he has been reduced to working as a farm labourer along with his wife to take care of his family. "I finally got a pittance as the list of legal heirs to the family property grew, and I also had to pay bribes of 20% to 25% to get the compensation. The prices around my land that was acquired by the government have gone up ₹8 crore an acre now. Forget buying farmland, I cannot even afford to buy a residential plot in my village now," lamented Mr. Jagadish.

Farmers protesting against land acquisition at Channarayanapatna in Devanahalli taluk of Bengaluru Rural District. B.S. SATISH KUMAR

The Hindu met him during the media visit organised by the protesting farmers' group to the villages in Channarayapatna hobli of Devanahalli taluk, where land is proposed to be acquired for the second phase of the Aerospace Park.

Second blow

Now the government is set to acquire the remaining 1.5 acres of Mr. Jagadish's land. But strongly resisting this, he declared, "I would rather die than give up my land again. This is not just land, but our livelihood and family's future."

Mr. Jagadish's story is not unique but that of many farmers who lost their lands earlier in these areas. Given the precedent of how land losers have suffered, other farmers in 13 villages of Channarayapatna hobli, where lands 1,777 acres are set to be acquired in the second phase of the project, have decided against parting with their land.

Ramesh Cheemachanahalli, whose land is set to be acquired and who is one of the activists who played a key role in organising land losing farmers to stage a marathon protest since April 4, 2022, said, "Unlike other areas in the State, Devanahalli has not just got fertile lands and conducive weather, but also good access to agricultural market, with several private companies buying farmers' produce directly from the farm. Taking away these lands is nothing but taking away the livelihoods and lives of farmers."

The farmers in these villages collectively declare that they would not part with their lands even if the government increases compensation.

They are anxiously waiting to know the outcome of the State Cabinet meeting on Wednesday and the meeting with Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Friday to decide their future course of action.

Silence is not neutrality, speak up, urge scholars to industry and tech leaders

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Urging industry and technology leaders to stand with the farmers of Devanahalli, as many as 30 scholars, scientists, and public policy experts have asked them to speak out on the protracted land conflict and potential displacement of the farming community in the region.

In an open letter dated Tuesday, signatories including historian Ramachandra Guha, Indian Statistical Institute's Economic Analysis Unit Head Madhura Swaminathan, agricultural economist T.N. Prakash Kammaradi, and several former Vice-Chancellors (V-C), and experts have demanded that business leaders raise their voice for 'a fair, more balanced development paradigm' and use their leadership 'for conscience, equity, and a just future'.

The other signatories include former V-C of the University of Agricultural Sciences-Bengaluru K. Narayana Gowda, former V-C of the Karnataka State Akkamahadevi Women's University Sabiha Bhoomigowda, former V-C of the Karnataka Folklore University Ambalike Hiriyanna, historian Janaki Nair, and social scientist Chanadan Gowda.

Protest

Farmers from 13 villages in Devanahalli taluk have been protesting for over 1,180 days against the Karnataka Industrial Areas Development Board's (KIADB) plan to acquire 1,777 acres of fertile farmland for a proposed Defence and Aerospace Park.

Legitimacy of process

The scholars and scientists have flagged the legitimacy of the land acquisition process, pointing to the KIADB's 2022 survey that showed that over 80% of farmers were unwilling to part with their land as well as an earlier CAG Performance Audit Report (No. 8 of 2017), which had exposed serious irregularities in the KIADB's land acquisition and allotment processes. "The KIADB already holds significant surplus, unutilised land across the State that could accommodate such industrial ventures. The persistent focus on acquiring fertile farmland in Devanahalli, despite these alternatives, raises serious concerns about opaque land transactions and possible collusion between speculative interests and elements within the ruling establishment," the letter said.

"We also ask that you protect food security by opposing the diversion of fertile arable land to industrial use and by insisting that industrial corridors be confined to non-arable land unfit for farming," it added.

Farmers to hold day-long fast today

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Farmers from 13 villages of Devanahalli taluk, whose lands are to be acquired for the Aerospace Park, are set to hold a day-long fast on Wednesday to put pressure on the government on the day the State Cabinet is meeting.

The farmers, who have been protesting for the last 1,884 days demanding shelving of land acquisition process, are staging the fast in front of Nadakacheri at Channarayapatna of Devanahalli taluk with the slogan "Our lives are in this land, the future of the children of this soil is in your (government's) hands."

They have also urged the State Cabinet, which is meeting on Wednesday, to take up their issue as a special agenda.

Health Commissioner for probe into allegations of unfair clinical trials

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Following allegations of unfair clinical trials being conducted at the Bengaluru headquartered Healthcare Global Enterprises (HCG), a private cancer care facility, the State Health Department has written to the Drug Controller General of India (DCGI), Central Drugs Standard Control Organization (CDSCO) seeking an investigation.

Allegations

The letter written by State Health Commissioner K.B. Sivakumar follows allegations of unfair clinical trials made by retired judge P. Krishna Bhat, who formerly headed the Institutional Ethics Committee of HCG.

Serious concerns

"Serious concerns have been raised over patient safety, regulatory compliance and institutional integrity at HCG regarding the conduct of various clinical trials including, unchecked conflict of interest and patient enrolment. These concerns have been red flagged by none other than the chairperson of the Institutional Ethics Committee, who has subsequently resigned," the Commissioner's letter stated.

Ethical principles

"These lapses, if proven, will undermine the strict ethical principles laid down by the DCGI, Department of Health Research, Indian Council of Medical Research and global regulatory bodies like WHO, which mandate the highest standards of patient safety and ethical conduct in clinical trials," the letter stated.

PSPCL Punjab State Power Corporation Limited
(Regd. Office: PSEB Head Office, The Mall, Patiala
Corporate Identity Number: U40109PB2010SGC033813/
Website: www.pspcl.in
(Contact number 9646147777)
TENDER ENQUIRY No TSQ - 1173
Dy. CE/TL (Design), B-1 Shakti Vihar, PSPCL, Patiala invites E-tender of 1000KM ACSR Panther Conductor of Nominal Aluminium area 200 mm2 bearing ISI/PQM Mark Conforming to IS:398 Part-II 1996 (with Latest amendments, if any) and PSPCL specification TSQ-1173/PSPCL/TD-I.
For detailed NIT and Tender Specification please refer to https://eproc.punjab.gov.in from 01.07.2025 from 11.00 AM onwards.
Note: Corrigendum and addendum, if any will be published online at https://eproc.punjab.gov.in
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NATIONAL CENTRE FOR EARTH SCIENCE STUDIES
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Ministry of Earth Sciences, Govt. of India
Akkulam, Thiruvananthapuram -11
NCESS
No: NCESS/P&GA/1217/12/2025 Date : 30.06.2025
RECRUITMENT
NCESS conducts walk-in interview on 07.07.2025 at its campus in Thiruvananthapuram, for the post of Hindi Translator on contract basis.
Please visit website for details. Further changes, if any, will be notified through website only.
Website: www.ncess.gov.in / Phone No : 0471-2511500.
Sd/- Senior Manager

OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR & EX-OFFICO DPO SSK BIDAR DISTRICT BIDAR
No: DPI/2025-26/IND0555 Date: 25/06/2025
SHORT TERM E-TENDER
PROCUREMENT OF MATERIALS FOR ESTABLISHING AVISHKAR INNOVATIVE LABS IN 06 KARNATAKA PUBLIC SCHOOL AND 04 ADARSH VIDYALAYA SCHOOLS OF BIDAR DISTRICT
TENDER TIME TABLE: 1) Tender Amount Rs: 79.90 lakhs, 2) Last Date & Time for submitting Tender Document on or before. Date:05/07/2025 Time: 5.00 PM 3) Date & Time of opening of Technical Bid Date:07/07/2025 Time:11.00AM 4) Date & Time of opening of Financial Bid Date:08/07/2025 Time:11.00 PM 5) E.M.D Rs: 1,59,800/-,6) Contact No:9448999330,7) Website address www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in
DDPI & EX-OFFICO DPO SSK BIDAR
DIPR/Bidar/84/KSMC&A/2025-26 Bidar Dist.Bidar.

UTTAR PRADESH MEDICAL SUPPLIES CORPORATION LTD.
(A Government of Uttar Pradesh Undertaking)
Tender Notice
Tender Ref. No: UPMSCL/Drugs-234/09 Dated: 30 Jun, 2025
e-TENDER FOR SUPPLY OF DRUGS
Online tenders are invited from licensed manufacturers for supply of drugs to UPMSCL. The details of tender, list of items and Tender Documents are made available on website https://etender.up.nic.in and www.upmsc.in. The last date/time of online submission of the tender documents is 15 July, 2025 upto 15:00 Hrs.
Managing Director
UPMSCL, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh
Department of Medical Health & Family Welfare, Uttar Pradesh

DOCUMENTS LOST
I, Sathyamma W/o Sri Nagaraju, aged about 57 years, R/@ No. 63, B. Narayanapura, Bangalore – 560016. I declare that I am the owner of the below Property. That I have lost the Original Property's Mother deeds in respect of the property bearing site Khatha No. 103, B. Narayanapura, K.R. Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, now comes under the limits of BBMP vide document No.1219/2001-2002, Book-1, Vol No. 1982, Page No.96-102, dated: 03.05.2001, registered in the office of Sub Registrar Krishnarajapura, Bengaluru. I have lost the said sale deed while shifting my house for which I have lodged the Police complaint (LR No. 1456438/2025 Dt.31.01.2025) in the concerned Police station. I swear this affidavit to avail the duplicate document of the sale deed. Please reach out to us by 7 days if the documents found.
Mobile number Nagaraj - 9980490857
Anil Kumar N - 6364835880
Anand Advocate- 93417 19456

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY
Publication of TENDER NOTICE No. 03-CWS-MYSS-2025-26 Dt. 26.06.2025
The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, invites E-Tender for the following work.

Name of Work	Approx.Value
Outsourcing of Stripping of ICF Bogies, Scrapping, Cleaning, Painting of ICF Bogies, its Components and Wheel Sets.	Rs. 1,20,01,250.70/-

Last date for Submission of bids : Upto 15.30 hrs on 18.07.2025
For details log on : www.ireps.gov.in
Deputy Chief Workshop Manager, Mysuru South
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SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY
Publication of TENDER NOTICE No. 05-CWS-MYSS-2025-26 Dt. 26.06.2025
The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, invites E-Tender for the following work.

Name of Work	Approx.Value
Up-gradation of Coach toilets in LHB-NAC Coaches.	Rs. 42,24,07,317.96/-

Last date for Submission of bids : Upto 15.00 hrs on 18.07.2025
For details log on : www.ireps.gov.in
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PUBLIC NOTICE
Public are informed that Mr.Ruby K Alex, being the absolute owner of the Residential Apartment bearing No.A-22 on the Second Floor, in the Block known as "PINE" admeasuring 850 Sq.ft. of carpet area equivalent to 1112 Sq.ft. of Saleable area with One Car/Two-wheeler Parking space bearing No.161 in the Residential Apartment Building known as 'SHERWOOD' along with 0.005 (approximately equivalent to 399 Sq.ft. of Undivided share, right, title, interest and ownership in all that piece and parcel of Survey No.164/1 admeasuring 3 Acres 24 Guntas, Survey No.164/2 admeasuring 3 Acres 13 Guntas and Survey No.162/4 admeasuring 2 Acres 11 Guntas, all situated at Vibutipura Village, Krishnarajapuram Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, affirms that the last page being Page No.21 of Original Sale Deed dated 06.05.2005, executed by Mrs.Ramakka and others in favour of Mr.Ruby K Alex, registered as Document No.KRI-1-04764-2005-06 stored in CD No.KRID143 of Book I before the Office of the Sub-Registrar, KR Puram, Bangalore has been lost/misplaced and has not been mortgaged/pledged as collateral security and is not in a position to trace the said original document. Mr.Ruby K Alex had also lodged a Complaint on 01.07.2025, bearing E-Lost Report No.1679830/2025, before the Bangalore City Police about the aforesaid loss. Any person/s in possession of the aforesaid document may return the same to us or anyone having any sort of claim over the said Property may lodge their objections in writing within 5 days from this day to the undersigned.
K. V. Narendra & Associates,
Advocates and Legal Consultants,
No.557, 2nd Floor, 9th A Main,
Indiranagar, Bangalore - 560038.
Ph: 9591067392.

BEFORE THE HONOURABLE 1ST ADDITIONAL SUB COURT AT ERNAKULAM
I.A No.3 of 2023 In
O.S No. 203 of 2023
Plaintiff: 1) Aster Medcity, a Hospital owned by Aster DM Healthcare Limited (CIN: L85110KA2008PLC147259) having its registered office at No. 1785, Sarjapur Road, Sector-1, HSR Layout, Ward No.174, Agara Extension, Bangalore, Karnataka, India-560102 and its hospital unit situated at Kuttisahib Road, Near Kothad Bridge, South Chittoor P.O Cheranelloor, Ernakulam, Kerala-682027, duly represented by its authorised signatory Farhan Yasin, aged 43 years, Regional Director, Aster DB Health Care Limited. 2) Dr.Mathew Jacob, aged 51 years, S/o.K.C.Jacob, Senior Lead Consultant, Integrated Liver Care, Aster Medcity, Kuttisaheb Road, Near Kothad Bridge, South Chittoor P.O, Cheranelloor, Ernakulam District, Kerala,Pin - 682027. 3) Dr. Charles Panackel, S/o.Sunny Charles, aged 49 years, Senior Consultant, Department of Integrated Liver Care, Aster Medcity, Kuttisaheb Road, Near Kothad Bridge, South Chittoor P.O, Cheranelloor, Ernakulam District, Kerala, Pin - 682027
Defendants 5 & 6 : 5) Google India Pvt Ltd, No.3, RMZ Infinity -Tower E, Old Madras Road, Floors 4&5, Bangalore-560016.
6) Facebook India Online Services Pvt.Ltd, represented by its authorised representative Vamsi Krishna, Tadepalli, aged 40. S/o TEV Sagar, UnitNo.1203 and 1204, Level 12, Building No.20, Raheja Mind Space, Cyberbad, Madhapur, Hitech City, Hyderabad, Pin - 500081
NOTICE
To the above Named Defendants
Whereas the above plaintiff has filed the above suit against you for permanent prohibitory injunction and damages, along with costs. The above suit is posted for hearing on 06.08.2025. You are hereby summoned to appear before the Honourable court in the above case either in person or through counsel at 11 AM on that day, otherwise the case will be decided in your absence.
Dated this the 27th day of January, 2025.
(Sd/-) P Jayabal Menon
Advocate

Government of Jharkhand
Home, Prison and Disaster Management Department
(Disaster Management Division)
T.A. Division Building, Near Golchakar,
Dhurwa, Ranchi, Jharkhand – 834004
Email Id-disasteroffice-jhr@jharkhandmail.gov.in
Expression of Interest (Request for Proposal)
The Nationalised banks are invited to submit Expression of Interest (EoI) for offering competitive rates of Interest on fixed Deposits (FDs) for various tenure for Government fund investment.
The EoI should include the following details
- Tenure-wise interest slab i.e from 1 months to 10 years
- Amount-wise interest slab upto 1000 crore .
- Pre-mature withdrawal rules
- Pre-mature breakup
- Additional benefits, if any e.g. auto renewal, quarterly payout.

Important Dates :-
i. Date of pre bid meeting- 07.07.2025 / 03.00 P.M.
ii. Last date of submission of proposal-21.07.2025 upto 4.00 P.M.
iii. Date of opening bid – 22.07.2025 – 4.00 .P.M.
(2)EOIs should be submitted in sealed envelopes.
(3)The competent authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all EOIs without assigning any reason.
EoI shall be dropped in the office Drop Box.
Joint Secretary
Home, Prison and Disaster Management Department
(Disaster Management Division)
PR 356198 (Disaster Management)25-26*D Jharkhand, Ranchi

ಕೆನರಾ ಬ್ಯಾಂಕ್ Canara Bank
(A Government of India Undertaking)
INFANTRY ROAD II BRANCH
#91, I Floor, Infantry Road, Bengaluru ,560025
Email : cb1168@canarabank.com
DEMAND NOTICE TO BORROWER / GUARANTOR / MORTGAGOR
Notice issued under Section 13(2) of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002.
To,
Borrower : 1)M/S MUSIKING
Represented by Prop.MR DANNY PETERSON
NO 125, 1ST FLOOR, GOLDEN ARCADE, OPP GARLAND BAR AND RESTAURANT,BANASWADI MAIN ROAD BENGALURU – 560043
2) MR DANNY PETERSON
PROPRIETOR OF M/SMUSIKING
S/O V PETERSON, 8 HIS GRACE 1ST MAIN ASHEERWAD COLONY HORAMAVU MAIN ROAD, BENGALURU – 560043
3) MRS ELIZABETH MALATHY
GUARANTOR TO M/S MUSIKING
8 HIS GRACE 1ST MAIN ASHEERWADCOLONY, HORAMAVU MAIN ROAD BENGALURU – 560043
The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of Canara Bank, Bangalore Infantry Road IIBranch (hereinafter referred to as "the secured creditor"), appointed under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, (hereinafter referred as the "Act") do hereby issue this notice to you as under:
That M/S Musiking (hereinafter referred to as "the Borrowers"1) represented by its proprietor Mr Danny Peterson has availed credit facility / facilities stated in the Schedule A hereunder and has entered into the security agreement/s in favor of the secured creditor.While availing the said financial assistance, you have expressly undertaken to repay the loan amounts in accordance with the terms and conditions of the above mentioned agreements.
That Mrs Elizabeth Malathy (hereinafter referred to as "the Guarantor") has guaranteed the payment on demand of all moneys and discharge all obligations and liabilities owing or incurred to the secured creditor by the Borrower for credit facilities up to the limit of Rs.40,00,000/- (Rupees Forty Lakhs Only), with interest thereon.
you have committed default in repayment of loans as mentioned below and the loans were classified as Non Performing Assets on 03.06.2025
The secured creditor through this notice brings to your attention that the Borrower has failed and neglected to repay the said dues/ outstanding liabilities and hence hereby demand you under Section 13(2) of the Act, by issuing this notice to discharge in full the liabilities of the Borrower as stated in Schedule C hereunder to the secured creditorwithin 60 days from the date of receipt of this notice. Further, it is brought to your notice that you are also liable to pay future interest at the rate mentioned hereunder schedule C together with all costs, charges, expenses and incidental expenses with respect to the proceedings undertaken by the secured creditor in recovering its dues.
Please take note of the fact that if you fail to repay to the secured creditor the aforesaid sum of Rs.40,26,549.90 (Rupees Forty lakhs Twenty Six thousand five hundred and Forty nine and Paisa Ninety only),together with further interest and incidental expenses and costs as stated above in terms of this notice under Section 13(2) of the Act, the secured creditor will exercise all or any of the rights detailed under sub-section (4)(a) and (b) of Section 13, the extract of which is given here below to convey the seriousness of this issue:
Your attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

SL NO	Loan No	Nature of Loan/ Limit	Liability with interest as on date	RATE OF INTEREST (Inclusive of penal interest)
1.	2456285000004	WORKING CAPTITAL LIMIT	Rs. 40,26,549.90	12.35%

Details of Security Assets : Schedule A Property : All that piece and parcel of property bearing Site no 8, house list Khatha no 142/1B, situated at Horamavu Village, K R Puram Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, measuring East to West : 40 feet and North to West: 60 feet and bounded on the:East by: Site no 7, West by: Site no 9, North by: Road And South by: Private property.
Name of Title holder: SMT. ELIZABETH MALATHY
Place : Bangalore
Date : 01.07.2025
Authorised Officer
Canara Bank

केनरा बैंक Canara Bank
(A Government Of India Undertaking)
Head Office: Bangalore
ARM-1 Branch,
No.86, Spencer Tower, M.G. Road,
Bangalore-560001. Ph: 080 25310066
E-mail: cb2366@canarabank.com
SALE NOTICE
E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Properties under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002
Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged to the Secured Creditor, the Symbolic possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of ARM-1 Branch, Bengaluru of the Canara Bank, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on 17.07.2025 (10.30 AM to 11.00 AM), for recovery of Rs.16,23,84,640.84 as on 29.06.2025 with further interest and cost thereon due to ARM-1 Branch, Bengaluru of Canara Bank from (1) M/s Aristos EMS P Ltd. No. 31, Semicom Park, Tower II, Electronic City Phase II, Bangalore-560100. (2) Mr. Mahesh Draksharapu, (3) Mrs. Aparna Draksharapu, Both are residing at: Villa No.109, Akshaya Layout, Sy No.24/10, Seegehalli, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bangalore. (4) Mr. Vivek Chandran S/o Baby Mohanachandra Kaniyam Kandy, Plot No.103/A, Flat No. 303, Hamilton Surabhi, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk-560034.
The Earnest Money shall be Deposited by way of E-Wallet of M/s PSB Alliance Private Limited (https://baanknet.com/) portal directly or by generating the Challan therein to deposit the EMD through RTGS/NEFT in the account details as mentioned in the said challan on or before 16.07.2025 - 5.00 pm. (₹. in Lakhs)

Lot No	Description of the Property	Reserve Price	EMD Amount	Incremental value
1	The property consists of 64.52 cents of land in R.S No. 244/7 at Kalliasseri Village in Kannur Taluk in Kannur District. Kerala held in the name of Mr. Vivek Chandran S/o Baby Mohana Chandra. Coordinates of the property : Latitude-11.973157 N, Longitude- 75.353843 E	₹. 88.26	₹. 8.83	₹. 1.00

Known encumbrances, if any: Not to the knowledge of the Bank.
For detailed terms and conditions of the sale please refer the link "E-Auction" provided in Canara Bank's website (www.canarabank.com) or E-Wallet of M/s PSB Alliance Private Limited (https://baanknet.com/) portal and may contact ARM-1 Branch, Bengaluru, Canara Bank, Ph. No. 08025310066, 6381952519, 99663971156, 9414400177 and 9039609346 during office hours on any working day.
Date : 30.06.2025
Place: Bengaluru
Sd/- Authorised Officer
Canara Bank

South East Central Railway

Material Management Department

E-TENDER NOTICE NO: NIT/14/25/25, dated: 24-JUNE-2025

Sr. No.	Tender No.	Description	Tender Closing / Opening Date & Time	Qty.
1	02255002A	Retro fitment of Roof Mounted Air Conditioning system without Trough in both Cabs	11.07.2025 At 10:30 hrs	145 Set
2	03252673A	Yoke for Upgraded High Tensile Centre Buffer Coupler for BOXNHL/ BCNHL Wagon	11.07.2025 At 10:30 hrs	5020 Nos
3	02251224B	PANTOGRAPH MOUNTING INSULATOR	14.07.2025 At 10:30 hrs.	1048 Nos
4	02253984	Intermediate overhauling (IOH) Replacement kit (AAL part no. 4300007100/32) for single bottle VCB	14.07.2025 At 10:30 hrs	79 Set
5	02255005	Supply, Installation, Testing & Commissioning of IP Based Video Surveillance System	15.07.2025 At 10:30 hrs	791 Set
6	03253310B	DUMP VALVE	17.07.2025 At 10:30 hrs	49 Nos
7	07251535	Manual Metal Arc Welding Electrode, SIZE-4X450 MM, Class A2 (Rutile type)	18.07.2025 At 10:30 hrs	1470580 Mtrs.
8	03255011	LWLH Bogie of 25T Axle load wagons.	21.07.2025 At 10:30 hrs	30 Nos
9	03252854A	Lock Bolt Size: Dia 22.2 mm or 7/8 inch with collar, Grip range 25 to 31 mm.	23.07.2025 At 10:30 hrs	131990 Set

Railway reserve the right to issue any corrigendum to the tenders. Corrigendum & Important Notice to vendors may be seen in the link **www.ireps.gov.in.**

AMM/II

CPR/10/AM/131 **for P C M M S.E.C. Rly., Bilaspur**

South East Central Railway @secrail

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED

(CIN: U40109KA1999SGC025521)

No: CEE/Tr(O)ZB/SEE(O)/AE-1/2025-26/2867-68 Date: 30.06.2025

TENDER NOTIFICATION (Through KPP Portal Only)

KPTCL invites bids against the following enquiries;

1) Enquiry No: KPTCL/CEE/T(O)Z/BZ/PTK-07, for the work of "augmentation of 1x12.5MVA by 1x20MVA Power Transformer related works along with provision of 11kV switchgear, capacitor bank at 66/11kV Akkurmole sub-station in Channapatna Taluk, Ramanagara District on **Partial Turnkey basis** including supply of all matching materials (excluding supply of 20MVA Power Transformer, NIFPS system & 11kV switchgear)/equipments and erection (including civil works) of all materials/ equipments, testing and commissioning".

2) Enquiry No: KPTCL/CEE/T(O)Z/BZ/TK-08 for **Combined Package for**

(a) Upgradation of 66kV Coyote ACSR bus by Drake Bus with suitable hardware at 66/11kV Akkurmole sub-station in Channapatna Taluk, Ramanagara District on **Total Turnkey basis** including supply of all materials equipment and erection (including Civil works) of all materials/ equipments, testing and commissioning.

(b) Replacement of 2 nos. of 11kV PCVCB to MCVCB switch gears at 66/11kV Akkurmole sub-station in Channapatna Taluk, Ramanagara District on **Partial Turnkey Basis** including supply of all materials **(excluding 11kV Switchgear)** equipment and erection (including Civil works) of all materials/ equipments, testing and commissioning.

The Bids will be received through electronic tender mode only. The detailed notification regarding the subject enquiry in the E-tendering process can be obtained by logging onto Karnataka Public Procurement (KPP) Portal website **www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in** on or after **10.07.2025**. Other details can be obtained from the office of the undersigned.

Sd/- **Chief Engineer (Ele.),Transmission (Operations) Zone, KPTCL, A.R.Circle, Bengaluru-09. Ph: 080-22282601/602.**

TAMILNADU SMALL INDUSTRIES DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION LIMITED

Regd. Office: TANSIDCO Corporate Office,
Thiru.Vi.Ka. Industrial Estate, Guindy, Chennai - 600 032, Phone: 2950 1461 / 2950 1422.
Fax: 2950 0792. E-Mail: ho@tansidco.org, Website: www.tansidco.tn.gov.in

TENDER NOTICE No: 7011(TN-4)/SE/DB/2025 Date : 01.07.2025

For and on behalf of the Tamil Nadu Small Industries Development Corporation Limited, Online Tenders are invited under "Two Cover System" from the Class-IA contractors as per G.O. (Ms) No. 37 Public Works (G2) Department Dated: 17.06.2022 for the work mentioned below.

S. No.	Name of work	EMD in Rs. (Online Only	Estimated Cost Rs. in Crores	Period of Completion
1	Design and Construction of Civil, Structural, Architecture, MEP, HVAC, Lifts, Landscaping and all associated works for the Development of Jewellery Park consists of Stilt + 5 Floors with Foundation designed for Stilt + 9 Floors at TANSIDCO Industrial Estate, Kurichi in Coimbatore District on **EPC Mode**	**22,82,000/-**	**45.43**	**24 Months**

The tender documents will be available online from **16.07.2025** in the portal **https://tntenders.gov.in** at free of cost. Date of Pre Bid meeting **23.07.2025** at **3.30 PM;** Last date for receipt of tender **30.07.2025** upto **15.00 Hrs;** Date of tender opening - **31.07.2025** at **15.30 Hrs.**

Further details can be seen on the portal **https://tntenders.gov.in.**

SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER i/c
TANSIDCO, CHENNAI - 600 032.

DIPR/ 3344 /TENDER/2025

BENGALURU SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT LIMITED

Reg.Office: 30/1, 1st and 2nd Floor, UNI Building, Thimmaiah Road,
Millers Tank Bund Area, Vasanth Nagar, Bengaluru - 560051.
Email-Id: dgm3bswml@gmail.com

No: DGM-3/BSWML/TEND/05/2025-26 Date: 01-07-2025

INVITATION FOR SHORT TERM TENDER (IFT) (Through GOK KPPP only)

Tenders on item rate basis are invited by the undersigned for the work mentioned below from the registered contractors with Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike / CPWD / KPWD / Railways / MES or any State Government Organizations.

The Tender documents can be downloaded from the Karnataka Public Procurement Portal Website (**https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in**) on payment of prescribed fee noted against each item of work (non refundable) in the form of e-Payment through Karnataka Public Procurement Portal. The Tenderer should accompany a copy of the Valid Registration Certificate and shall be submitted through Karnataka Public Procurement Portal (Standard Tender Bid Document).

Sl. No.	Name of the Work	Value of work (Rs. in Lakhs)	EMD (in Rs.)	Stipulated Period of Completion	Eligibility of Contractor
1	Shifting of Refused Derived Fuel (RDF) from Dry Waste Collection Centres (DWCCs) and Processing plants to Bidadi KPCL Waste to Energy Plant and Shifting of Ash from Waste to Energy Plant to Landfill, Phase-2 (Call 2).	980.00	Rs.1,00,000/- throughe-payment under of the following i.e., online / RTGS / NEFT / OTC and the balance Rs.13,70,000/- by Bank Guarantee / FDR issued by Nationalized / Scheduled Bank.	220 days	General

Calendar of Events:

1. Date of Uploading of the Bid Document in KPP Portal: **02.07.2025. 2.** Date of Pre bid meeting: 07.07.2025 at 15:00 hours in office of the Chief Engineer & Chief General Manager (Tech), BSWML, UNI Building, Thimmaiah Road, Vasanth Nagar, Bengaluru - 560052. **3.** Last date of submission of Bids in KPP Portal: **09.07.2025 before 16:00 hours. 4.** The Technical Bid opening date in KPP Portal: **10.07.2025 after 16:30 hours**.

NOTE: 1. No Joint Venture/Consortium is permissible. The validity of tender is 90 days from thedate of opening of tender. **2.** Aspiring Bidders/Contractors who have not registered in Karnataka Public Procurement Portal should the website **(https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in)** register before participating through the website **(https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in)**. **3.** Before submission of online bids, bidders must ensure that scanned copies of all the necessary documents have been attached with bid. **4.** All the required information required for Bids must be filled and submit online. **5.** For details, registration and e-payment visit GOK Karnataka Public Procurement Portal website **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in**) or contact Karnataka Public Procurement Portal Helpdesk.

Sd/- Deputy General Manager-3, BSWML, Bengaluru.

DIPR/CP/1584/SSC/2025-26

DEPARTMENT OF MINORITY WELFARE

Directorate of Minorities

No.16C, Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Bhavan, Miller Tank Bund Road, Vasanthnagar, Bengaluru - 560 052.

Website: https://minority.ksouportal.com / https://dom.karnataka.gov.in

Muslim, Christian, Jain, Buddhist, Sikh, Parsi

Announcement: Applications Invited for UG, PG & Certificate/Diploma Courses through Karnataka State Open University (KSOU) via Distance Education (ODL Mode) for Minority Students*

Online Application

The Minority welfare Department is offering free education and covering the fees for all minority students who apply for UG, PG & Certificate/Diploma courses through Karnataka State Open University (KSOU) distance education program (ODL mode).

Online Applications are available on the following websites:-

https://minority.ksouportal.com Karnataka State Open University - KSOU
https://dom.karnataka.gov.in (Directorate of Minorities – GoK)

Start Date for Applying Fresh Application: 01.07.2025

Last Date to apply: 25.08.2025

Interested candidate may apply through the admission link in Directorate of Minorities website **(https://dom.karnataka.gov.in)**

Or

Interested candidate may apply directly from the admission link in KSOU Website **(https://minority.ksouportal.com)**

Or

Interested Candidate may personally visit KSOU Central Office in Mysuru or any nearby KSOU Regional Centres only in their district or visit Regional Office, Haj Bhavan, Bengaluru.

Eligibility Conditions

- The student must belong to minority community (Muslim, Christian, Jain, Buddhist, Sikhs and Parsi)
- The student must be domiciled of Karnataka State.
- The student's total family income should not exceed Rs. 8.00 lakhs.

Free Education

Important Note

- Students who have completed 2nd PUC from Karnataka or 10+2/equivalent courses are only considered eligible for UGC-DEB approved Undergraduate Diploma/ Certificate Courses.
- Students who have completed Undergraduation from Government recognised Universities are only considered eligible for Post- Graduate Degree & PG Certificate in KSOU.
- Students who have completed 2nd PUC from Karnataka or 10+2/equivalent courses are only considered eligible for Undergraduate Degree courses.
- Eligibility conditions for this scheme is bound by the Government orders and Guidelines issued by the KSOU & Directorate of Minority from time to time.

For further details, Instructions and procedures please visit Directorate of Minorities website **https://dom.karnataka.gov.in or Contact Helpline Numbers 9900667916/ 827779990/ 9945366062/ 9113512565/ 9611418726/ 9900509959/ 9035395137**

For assistance contact District Minority Office or nearest Minority Information Centres (MIC) or contact the Minority Welfare Department

Date: 01.07.2025
Place: Bengaluru

Sd/-
Director
Directorate of Minorities, Bengaluru

DIPR/CP/1552/2025-26

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
ZILLA PANCHAYATH, BELLARY
Office of the Executive Engineer, P.R.E. Division, Bellary.

No. EE/PRED/BLY/AE-1/various heads/2025-26/ 468 Dt. 27-06-2025.

Short Term Tender Notification (Through KPPP Portal only)

On behalf of Hon'ble Governor of Karnataka tenders are invited from the eligible contractors who have enrolled in Panchayath Raj Engineering Department for 08 works comprising of approved Road and Buildings works under 2024-25 KKRDB, 2024-25 State fund 4202-01-201-1-08-423 New Classroom Building , 2023-24 5054 SCP/TSP grant, 2023-24 5054 Roads CM Special Grant, PMAGY and 2024-25 CM Special Grant for BCW Bhavan Works through KPPP portal.

Indent No. 1.RDPR/2025-26/BD/WORK_INDENT16588, 2.RDPR/2025-26/BD/WORK_INDENT16589, 3.RDPR/2025-26/BD/WORK_INDENT16592, 4.RDPR/2024-25/RD/WORK_INDENT7821/CALL-4, 5.RDPR/2024-25/BD/WORK_INDENT12029/CALL-4, 6.RDPR/2024-25/BD/WORK_INDENT13402/CALL-2, 7.RDPR/2025-26/RD/WORK_INDENT16298, 8.RDPR/2024-25/RD/WORK_INDENT12725/CALL-3

Contractors are required to submit the tender before 05-07-2025 at 4.30 PM by uploading the relevant documents through KPPP portal website **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** by downloading the formats for submission of tenders from **27-06-2025 to 05-07-2025 at 4.30 PM.** Tenders will be opened through KPPP portal on **07-07-2025 at 10.30** AM. Any changes in the notification will be published KPPP website only. Accepting/rejection of tenders without assigning reason is reserved. Any details can be obtained in person at the office or through telephone No. **08392-266173.**

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
Panchayath Raj Engineering Division Ballari

DIPR/Ballari/229/KSMCA/2025-26

Karnataka Urban Infrastructure Development and Finance Corporation Ltd.

Nagarabhivruddi Bhavan, #22, 17th 'F' Cross, Old Madras Road, Indiranagar 2nd Stage, Near BMTC Bus Depot, Bengaluru-560 038. Telephone No: 91-80-25196100, 25196124
Fax: 080-25196110 e-mail: info@kuidfc.com Website: www.kuidfc.com

No: KUIDFC/UWM/37/NTFN/2025-26/10 Date:27-06-2025

SHORT TERM TENDER INVIATION

KUIDFC invites tenders under NGT Environmental Compensation fund and SBM (u) 2.0 Fund for below mentioned projects from the eligible Contractors. The tender document will be available on KPP portal of GoK **(https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in)**

Sl. No.	Name of Work	Amount put to Tender (Excl GST) Rs. in Lakhs	Earnest Money Deposit Rs. in Lakhs
1	Construction of Feacal Sludge Treatment Plants (FSTP) in 12 ULBs (in varying FSTP capacities of 3 KLD/ 6 KLD/ 9 KLD/ 12 KLD), with 5 years of Operation and Maintenance (including 1 year defect liability period) of constructed facilities through tenders on Design, Built, Operate and Transfer (DBOT) model (Package-7), Call-5.	**2605.00**	**26.10**
2	Construction/ Upgradation of sewerage system in Vijayapura City under Jalashuddhi Mission NGT environmental compensation fund on DBOT model.	**2698.18**	**27.00**

1) Tender Publish Date: **30.06.2025.** 2) Pre-bid meeting Date & Time: **09.07.2025 Time: 11.30 AM.** 3) Last Date & Time for Bid submission: **17.07.2025 Time: 5.30 PM.** 4) Date & Time of Opening of Technical bid: **19.07.2025 Time: 11.30 AM.** 5) Date & Time of Opening of Financial bid: **25.07.2025 Time: 11.30 AM.**

Interested bidders may view, download & upload the tenders only through KPP portal. Any further notification will be through KPP portal and KUIDFC official website only.

Sd/-
Executive Engineer, Project Monitoring Unit,
UWM-KUIDFC, Bengaluru.

DIPR/CP/1567/MAA/2025-26

Government of Karnataka

Regional Commissioner, Bengaluru Division and Ex-Officio Secretary & Nodal Officer, (Economic Offences).

2nd Floor, BMTC Building.K.H Road, Shantinagar, Bengaluru-27
Tel: 080-22109670/655 e-mail: rcb27bangalore@gmail.com

No-ADM/CR/09/2025-26 Date: 30-06-2025

TENDER NOTIFICATION

Regional Commissioner, Bengaluru Division and Nodal Officer, Ex-Officio Secretary (Economic offences) invites tender from interested agencies/ firms/companies to supply stationery and other required essential items to this office for the year 2025-26. The interested may submit their proposal as detailed in the tender document through E-procurement Portal **http://www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in** on or before specified date.

Commencement of download of e-Tender Form from website- https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in	02/07/2025
Last Date for Queries on or before	07/07/2025 till 5:00 p.m.
Pre-Bid Meeting	08/07/2025 at 11.00 a.m.
Last Date for Uploading of Tender in e-procurement platform on or before	10/07/2025 till 5:00p.m.
Opening of Technical Bid	11/07/2025 at 12:00 p.m.
Date of Original Document Verification	Will be done on the uploaded documents at e-portal.
Submission of Samples	18/07/2025 at 11:00 am
Opening of Financial Bid	Will be intimated
Approximate Value of the Tender.	Rs. 10.00 Lakhs

Sd/-
Regional Commissioner, Bengaluru Division and Ex Officio Secretary & Nodal Officer (Economic Offences) Bengaluru

DIPR/CP/1581/Zen/2025-26

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E-mail: cb2366@canarabank.com

SALE NOTICE

E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES UNDER THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002 READ WITH PROVISO TO RULE 8 (6) OF THE SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged to the Secured Creditor, the Physical Possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of **ARM-1 Branch, Bengaluru of the Canara Bank, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is"** on **18.07.2025 (10.00 AM to 10.30 AM),** for recovery of **Rs. 11,47,47,263.98** as on **29.06.2025** with further interest and cost thereon due to the **ARM-1 Branch, Bengaluru of Canara Bank** from **(1) M/s. SRS Transport,** No. 53, 1st Main, Lakshmipuram, Ulsoor, Bengaluru-560008. **(2) Sri Thulasiram V** S/o Vishwanath, No.53, 1st Main Road, Behind C M H Road, Halasuru, Bengaluru-560008. **(3) Smt. Bhuvaneshwari T** W/o Thulasiram V, No. 53, 1st Main Road, Behind C M H Road, Halasuru, Bengaluru-560008. **(4) M/s. SRS Logistics & Warehousing,** No. 3208, 6th C Main Road, 13th Cross, HAL II stage, Indira Nagar, Bengaluru-560038. **Also at: M/s SRS Logistics & Warehousing,** No.B-45, 3rd Main, 1st Cross, Bommasandra Industrial Area, 1st Phase, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru-560099.

The Earnest Money shall be Deposited by way of **E-Wallet of M/s PSB Alliance Private Limited (https://baanknet.com/)** portal directly or by generating the Challan therein to deposit the EMD through **RTGS/NEFT** in the account details as mentioned in the said challan on or before **17.07.2025 - 5.00pm**

(Rs. in lakhs)

Lot No	Description of the immovable/movable assets:	Reserve Price	EMD Amount	Incremental value at Bid
1	All that piece and parcel of: **Property No 1:** Bearing municipal No 115, 114,113,112,111 &110(old no: 3A,4,5,6,7,8) PID No: 75-2-110, 75-2-111, 75-2-112, 75-2-113,75-2-114, 75-2-115 Cambridge road BBMP Jogupalya ward no 75, Halasuru Bangalore 560008 each measuring 200sq ft and in all measuring 1200 sqft and bounded on the East by : Jogupalya main road, West by : property of Sarvamangala, North by : property belonging to Sri Sathisheshwar/HS Rajeshwari/RoopaSiddaraju and South by : G 1st street. **Property No.2:** Bearing municipal new No.2 (old No: 33-40) PID:75-44-2 Cambridge road BBMP Jogupalya ward no 75 Halasuru, Bangalore 560008 in all measuring 1723 sqft and bounded East by : property belonging to Indumathi, West by : Cambridge road north by SV Road/Madras road and South by : property belonging to Smt. Sarvamangala. **Property No.3:** Bearing municipal new no 3(old No 26/32) PID no: 75-44-3 Cambridge road BBMP Jogupalya ward No.75 Halasuru, Bangalore 560008 and Measuring 4617 sqft.. Bounded on East by : property belonging to Smt Indumathi Shivaprasad, West by : Cambridge Road, North by : property belonging to Sathisheshwar/HS Rajeshwari/Roopa Siddaraju and South by : Kempamma temple. Total Extant of the plot 7540 Sq.ft. **Coordinates of the property Latitude- 12.974944, Longitude- 77.625500**	₹. 855.04	₹.85.50	1.00

Known encumbrances, if any: Not to the knowledge of the Bank.

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale please refer the link "E-Auction" provided in Canara Bank's website (www.canarabank.com) or E-Wallet of M/s PSB Alliance Private Limited (https://baanknet.com/) portal and may contact ARM-1 Branch, Bengaluru, Canara Bank, Ph. No.080-25310066, 6381952519, 99663971156, 9414400177 and 9039609346 during office hours on any working day.

Date : 30.06.2025
Place: Bangalore

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PERSONAL

CHANGE OF NAME

I, JOHANNA John, d/o: John Premia Gabriel, r/o: 101, Sri Nilaya Aprts, Vadeyarapura Kamaladevi Enclave, NITTE College Rd, Yelahanka, Bengaluru – 560064. Have Changed My Name As Johanna. Affidavit Dated On 24/06/25.

ONE AND The Same Person I, Manangot Para Radha, w/o Surg Cmde A Jagdish Chandran (deceased) declare that my name mentioned in Sparsh (Defence Pension Records) as Radha Jagdish Chandran and in Aadhar as Manangot Para Radha belong to the same person i.e myself.

I, RAJENDRAN Nair Makaluvilayil Parameswaran Nair, s/o Parameswaran Nair, r/o: NO–33, 7th MN, 3rd Block, Ayyappa Nagar, K R Puram, Blr– 560036, Have Changed My Name As Rajendran Nair. Vide Afdvt Dtd On 30/06/2025

I, LEKHA Rajendran Nair, w/o Rajendran Nair, r/o: No–33, 7th MN, 3rd Block, Ayyappa Nagar, K R Puram, Blr– 560036, Have Changed My Name As Lekha Rajendran. Vide Afdvt Date On 30/06/2025.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, SUSEELA DEVI (Old Name), wife of JC-307841K, Sub JAI KRISHNA MAHTO (RETD) residing at House No.13, Army Colony, Vidiyasagar Layout, Dr SRK Nagar Post, Bengaluru -560077, Karnataka State. I have changed to **(New Name) SUSHILA DEVI.** Vide affidavit Date 23 June 2025, swron before Advocate & Notary C.Sharada at Bangalore.

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LEGAL NOTICE

Before the Court of The District Family Judge, Krishnagiri

O.S.No.17/2024

S.Yasin ... Plaintiff

-versus-

S.Nazreen ... Defendant

To,

S.Nazreen, W/o. S.Yasin, D/o. Sharif Khan, 1st cross, Roshan colony, Thilak nagar, Jayanagar, Bengaluru District, Karnataka State - 560041.

My client S.Yasin has filed the above O.S.No.17/2024 suit in the Court of District Family Judge, Krishnagiri against you for the relief of divorce. The above case was posted to 04.08.2025.

Therefore, it is hereby informing you that if you have any objection, appear before the District Family Court, Krishnagiri on 04.08.2025 at 10.30 A.M., by making personal appearance or through the advocate, failing which you will be set ex-parte and order against you as prayed by my client will be passed.

C.KUMARAVEL, B.A.,LL.B.,
ADVOCATE
219-A, 1st Floor, Old Sub-Jail Road, Krishnagiri - 635001.
Cell : 9498127676

CCH-06 NHG : 25.07.2025

IN THE COURT OF THE 24th ADDL. CITY CIVIL AND SESSIONS JUDGE AT BANGALORE

O.S. No. 8001/2019

PLAINTIFF : Sri. M. Shivakumar, Aged about 39 years, S/o. H. Muniswamappa Residing at Amruthahalli, Yelahanka Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, Bengaluru-560094.

-v/s-

DEFENDANTS : Sri. A. Jacob & another Both R/o No. 34/A, 4th A Main, Opp. Agro Industries, Hebbal, Bangalore - 560024.

NOTICE/SUMMONS TO THE DEFENDANTS NO. 2(a)

To, D-2(a). Allen A Jacob D/o Late Ruth Jacob, W/o Umakanth Kadali, Aged about 44 years, Residing at: R/o No. 34/A, 4th Main Road, Opp. Agro Industries, Hebbal, Bangalore, Pin Code - 560024.

Whereas, the above named plaintiff instituted a suit against you seeking for reliefs of permanent injunction with respect to suit schedule property and other consequential reliefs.

You are hereby summoned to appear before this Court **on the 25th day of July 2025 at 11.00 AM** in person or through advocate / pleader to answer questions to the same, failing which the suit will be heard and determined as ex-parte.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of Residential bearing Site No. 60, formed in Sy.No. 137/1 the Byatarayanapura CMC Khata No. 137/1/60, situated at Amruthahalli Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, measuring East to West 30-0 feet, North to South 40-0 feet, total 1200 Square feet with 2 squares feet RCC Building without any civic amenity facilities and bounded as follows:- **East by :** Site No. 61, **West by :** Site No. 59, **North by :** Site No. 58, **South by :** 40 Feet Road.

Given under my hand & seal of the Court, this the day of 23.6.2025.

By order of the Court, Senior Sheristedar, City Civil Court, Bengaluru.

Advocate and Solicitors: **Lawyers Inc,** #15/2, V.S. Raju Road, 12th Cross, Kumara Rao Park West, Bengaluru - 560020.

After NICE Road, toll hiked on Nelamangala section of NH 4

The new tariff structure applies to the 19.5-km access-controlled stretch between 10 km and 29.5 km

Darshan Devaiah B.P.
BENGALURU

Commuters travelling on the Bengaluru-Nelamangala section of National Highway-4 (NH-4) will pay revised toll fees from Tuesday, according to a public notice issued by the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI). The Tumakuru road stretch is a key route for traffic entering and exiting Bengaluru, particularly from the north and northwest.

The new tariff structure applies to the 19.5 km access-controlled stretch between 10 km and 29.5 km. The revised toll rates will be applicable at six different plazas along this route. These include plazas located at 14.875 km (towards Nelamangala), 26.075 km (towards Bengaluru), and others at 16.6 km, 17.1 km, 23.15 km, and 23.8 km, catering to vehicles entering from peripheral and service roads.

Several concessions have been announced by NHAI. Officials said that a 25% discount will be offered on return journeys completed within 24 hours, while a 33% discount applies if 50 single journeys are made in a month. Additionally, commercial vehicles registered in the district (except those under national permit) will receive a 50% discount.

New charges: The Tumakuru road stretch is a key route for traffic entering and exiting Bengaluru, particularly from the north and the northwest. FILE PHOTO

Toll rates revised at Bengaluru–Nelamangala plaza

Type of vehicle	Single trip	Multiple trips	Monthly pass
Car / Jeep	₹30	₹45	₹865
LCV / Mini-bus	₹50	₹75	₹1,440
Bus / Lorry	₹100	₹150	₹2,955
Earthmoving equipment and heavy construction machinery	₹160	₹240	₹4,760

Source: NHAI public notice

The toll policy continues to enforce strict penalties on overloaded vehicles, which will be charged 10 times the regular toll rate along with being required to offload excess cargo.

Radhakrishna Holla, president of the Karnataka State Travel Operators Association, said the toll hike will place an added burden on daily commuters, particularly commercial operators such as taxis, lorries, and trucks. "This increase in toll rates directly impacts daily commuters and hits the commercial transport sector the hardest. Taxi operators, truckers, and logistics providers are already dealing with high fuel prices; this will only add to their operational costs," he added.

Mr. Holla also urged the government to reconsider toll collection on shorter or less busy four-lane roads, especially where the construction costs have already been recovered. He pointed out that tolling on such stretches disproportionately affects local commuters and small operators.

"There is no justification for continuing toll collection on smaller stretches or four-lane roads where the project cost has already been recovered. The government must review and remove tolls on such roads to ease the burden. Rationalising tolls would be a step towards more equitable and efficient road usage," Mr. Holla said.

'Unfair'

Daily commuters and small transport operators have voiced frustration over the latest toll hike saying it adds to their mounting travel and operational expenses. Shivakumar R., a supervisor in a garment factory who commutes daily from Nelamangala to Peenya said, "We already spend a lot on fuel and essentials. Now with the toll hike, even daily travel to work becomes more expensive. For people like us who don't earn much, every rupee counts. This hike feels unfair, especially when there's no improvement in traffic or road conditions on the Bengaluru and Tumakuru stretch."

Manjunath Hegde, a small-scale transporter operating goods vehicles between Bengaluru and Tumakuru said, "The toll keeps going up every year, but our income doesn't. We use this route regularly, and each increase directly cuts into our margins. The government should understand that not all users are big transporters, many of us are small operators trying to stay afloat."

Toll hike a blow to daily commuters, says Cong.

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

AICC general secretary incharge of Karnataka, Randeep Singh Surjewala, on Tuesday, alleged that the Narendra Modi-led government had given yet another blow to daily commuters and working-class citizens by increasing toll rates on the Hosur Road corridor, connecting Bengaluru and Tamil Nadu.

He said as per the new rates, the toll for cars at the Electronics City Flyover has increased from ₹60 to ₹65 (8.33% hike), while at the Attibele toll plaza, the rate has gone from ₹35 to ₹40 (14.29% increase).

Additionally, the monthly pass for cars at Electronics City has been raised from ₹1,795 to ₹1,885, and at Attibele, from ₹1,080 to ₹1,130 – a steep hike of ₹90 and ₹50 respectively, the Congress leader said.

He pointed out that BELT (Bangalore Elevated Tollway Limited), a private company operating under a concession agreement with NHAI, has once again hiked toll rates on Bengaluru's elevated expressway, proving that in Karnataka, even public roads are at the mercy of private profit.

"While the BJP-led Centre watches silently, the burden keeps falling on the backs of ordinary commuters. This is not infrastructure development, it's organised, authorised extortion," he alleged.

He accused the Modi-led Central government of favouring private toll operators at the cost of ordinary citizens and demanded an immediate rollback. He also urged immediate rollback of the ₹50 LPG cylinder hike and ₹2/litre fuel excise hike.

"If Karnataka's BJP-JD(S) MPs and MLAs can't raise their voice against Delhi's loot, they should raise their hands and resign," Mr Surjewala said.

26 patients evacuated after minor fire at burns ward in Victoria Hospital

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A view of the Mahabodhi Burns Ward of Victoria Hospital in Bengaluru.

For patients already fighting to recover from the trauma of burns, the irony could not have been more cruel. In the pre-dawn hours on Tuesday (July 1, 2025), a fire broke out inside the Mahabodhi Burns Ward of the State-run Victoria Hospital in Bengaluru, leading to fear and panic among patients and their attenders.

As smoke engulfed the unit, 26 patients, including five in the ICU, were hurriedly evacuated.

The fire, which broke out around 3 a.m., is suspected to have originated from a short circuit in a switch board in the seminar room adjacent to the ward on the first floor of the building. A female resident doctor, who noticed the smoke, immediately informed the authorities. There were 10 patients on the first floor.

Responding swiftly to the situation, the hospital authorities, with assistance from the fire and emergency services, safely evacuated all 26 patients, including five who were being treated in the ICU. The patients were immediately shifted to the H-Block of the hospital to ensure uninterrupted care.

Hospital officials confirmed that no casualties or injuries were reported in the incident.

Ramesh Krishna, dean and director of Bangalore Medical College and Research Institute (BMCRI), Deepak S., medical superintendent, and Yogeshwarappa C.N., head of the Department of Plastic Surgery and Burns at the hospital, supervised the evacuation and patient transfer.

"Thanks to the quick response of our staff and the fire department, all patients are safe and continue to receive medical care in the alternative facility," said Dr. Krishna.

Checks under way

Fire personnel brought the situation under control in a short span, and cooling operations were completed soon after. "As soon as we got an alert, Code Red and Code Orange were activated. There were 24 staff on duty at the ward in the night. Fortunately, none of the ICU patients were on a ventilator. We ensured their oxygen supply was not interrupted during the evacuation," Dr. Yogeshwarappa told *The Hindu*.

"There were seven paediatric patients out of which two were in the ICU. We carried some children in our arms and shifted them for quicker evacuation," he said, adding the entire process including evacuation and was completed within an hour..

The burns ward area is currently under inspection, and normal services are expected to resume after necessary repairs and safety checks, he added.

KASSIA gets new president

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BENGALURU

Karnataka Small Scale Industries Association (KASSIA) announced its new office bearers for the year 2025-2026. B.R. Ganesh Rao, who served as vice-president, has assumed charge as president of KASSIA.

According to Kassia, Mr. Rao has decades of experience in the MSME sector. "A seasoned industrialist and passionate advocate for micro and small enterprises, he has been deeply involved in industry associations such as Peenya Industries Association and KASSIA for over two decades," the trade body said.

Overcast skies

Bengaluru which saw good rainfall in May received less rainfall in June, though the sky is almost always covered with clouds. K. MURALI KUMAR

Crackdown on auto drivers continues

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BENGALURU

In a major crackdown against autorickshaw drivers flouting rules, the Transport Department launched a special drive across the city starting Monday, which continued into Tuesday.

As part of the drive, 22 checking teams were deployed across various city zones on Tuesday, where 183 cases were booked and 56 vehicles were seized, according to the department's press release.

Timings
BENGALURU

WEDNESDAY, JUL. 02
RISE 05:58 SET 18:50
RISE 11:56 SET 00:00

THURSDAY, JUL. 03
RISE 05:58 SET 18:50
RISE 12:41 SET 00:06

FRIDAY, JUL. 04
RISE 05:58 SET 18:50
RISE 13:27 SET 00:41

Bengaluru Weather	max	min
Tumakuru	32	25
Mysuru	29	20
Bengaluru	29	21

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29°C The weather will be slight warm. Night will be pleasant. Short spell of light rain and thundershower is a chance.

Bengaluru Tomorrow
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Panel to probe heart attack deaths in Hassan

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Following the reported rise in the number of sudden heart attack deaths in Hassan district, the State Health Department has asked the committee headed by Sri Jayadeva Institute of Cardiovascular Sciences and Research Director K.S. Ravindranath to study and audit the deaths and submit a report within 10 days.

The committee, that was set up in February to study the link between COIVD-19 and sudden heart attacks following Chief Minister Siddaramaiah's directions, is already analysing 250 young patients, who suffered sudden heart attack since April.

Dr. Ravindranath has been asked to conduct the study in association with doctors from Hassan Institute of Medical Sciences.

No cause for panic over heart attacks, say experts

Afshan Yasmeen
BENGALURU

Amid mounting public anxiety following the reported surge in heart attack deaths in Hassan district, health experts and government authorities have urged the public not to give heed to scare mongers and panic.

Stressing that heart attacks are not communicable diseases, doctors said unlike viral outbreaks that spread from person to person, heart attacks result from individual health factors such as lifestyle, genetics, and pre-existing medical conditions.

Expert panel

While the government's decision to form an expert committee, headed by K.S. Ravindranath, Director of Sri Jayadeva Institute of Cardiovascular Sciences and Research, is a precautionary step to study local patterns and possible triggers, experts emphasised that such incidents are neither new nor unique to one region, and align with trends seen across the country.

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>
> **DINESH GUNDU RAO,** Health Minister

Surge in patients

Public anxiety has led to a surge in outpatient visits at all the three units of Jayadeva – Bengaluru, Mysuru and Kalaburagi. "The media reports have created panic and anxiety among people. We are seeing a 20% rise in the number of people seeking cardiac evaluations and there is a huge rush of patients in our OPDs," said Dr. Ravindranath.

"As most of the 18 deaths occurred at home, we have started verbal autopsies to assess the underlying factors. We will examine what caused these deaths, whether there were other unreported cases, and if this pattern is isolated to Hassan or more widespread," he said.

C.N. Manjunath, Bengaluru Rural MP and former director of Jayadeva, said, "Unlike outbreaks of diseases like COVID-19, dengue, or influenza, which spread through air, water, or physical contact, heart attacks are triggered by a complex interplay of individual risk factors such as hypertension, diabetes, high cholesterol, smoking, obesity, sedentary lifestyle, stress, and genetic predisposition."

Reiterating that there is no need to panic, Dr. Manjunath said instead the public should focus on routine health check-ups, healthy lifestyle choices, and timely medical intervention for known risk factors.

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No specific pattern

Harsh Gupta, Principal Secretary, Health and Family Welfare, said there is no specific pattern or data suggesting a spike in heart attack deaths in any particular region. "Following media reports and public anxiety, we have formed the committee to study the Hassan deaths and find out if there is any specific reason. Based on the committee's reports, we will decide on whether we need to initiate any measures in the district, or if reporting methods have to be modified," he said.

Health Minister Dinesh Gundu Rao also said setting up the committee is a proactive, precautionary measure aimed at studying any local patterns or environmental factors that may be contributing to the deaths.

"We have to see if the ratio is similar or if these cases from Hassan are unique. Based on the committee's report, we will decide whether there is need to declare cardiac deaths as a notifiable disease," he added.

CM: Seek help immediately if you have symptoms

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah has urged people to visit the nearest health centre if they have symptoms such as chest pain or difficulty breathing. "Do not ignore these signs and do not delay seeking medical help," he said on X.

Pointing out that the government has taken serious note of the reported cardiac deaths in Hassan, he said: "A committee was set up in February to study the reasons behind sudden cardiac deaths among young people in the State and whether the COVID vaccines could have had any adverse effects. The process of examining and analysing heart patients is also under way. Now, the same committee has been asked to study the Hassan deaths and submit its report in 10 days."

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Surjewala rules out leadership change

AICC general secretary says he is in State only to gather information on the work done by MLAs and MPs in their constituencies

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A ICC general secretary in-charge of Karnataka Randeep Singh Surjewala, MP, on Tuesday categorically said he was not gathering opinion of party MLAs on leadership change in the State government and claimed that his meetings with legislators and MPs was to understand the work done by them in their respective constituencies.

Categorical stand: AICC general secretary in charge of Karnataka Randeep Singh Surjewala, along with Deputy Chief Minister and KPCC president D.K. Shivakumar addressing the press in Bengaluru on Tuesday. K. MURALI KUMAR

Speculation in Congress

Mr. Surjewala's remark ruling out a change of guard in the State assumed significance amid speculations within the Karnataka Congress over a possible change of guard in the government. AICC president Mallikarjun Kharge on Monday said it was the party high command that had to take a call on leadership change in the government.

The statements of the two leaders came after Cooperation Minister K.N. Rajanna claimed that a "major political development" was anticipated after September in Karnataka.

Mr. Surjewala said he had been meeting the MLAs, MPs, and party office-bearers to understand the work done by them in their respective constituencies. Addressing reporters at the party office, he said, "Some of you asked me are you taking opinion on leadership change. The answer I had given yesterday also and I am answering again today – the answer is clearly 'no' in one word."

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> AICC general secretary in-charge of Karnataka

Flanked by Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar, who is also the KPCC president, Mr. Surjewala said he had a meeting with the party MLAs, MPs, MLCs, and party candidates who contested the Assembly and Lok Sabha elections. He had already met MLAs of Mysuru and Bengaluru divisions.

Reviewing performance

The AICC leader said, "We are meeting the MLAs and MPs. We are trying to understand what work they have done in their constituencies. It is important to review their performance." He said it was necessary to see the status of the implementation of the five guarantees, which includes free bus travel for women.

On some Congress MLAs' allegations that there was no development work happening in their segments, Mr. Surjewala said sufficient funds were available with the government for development works.

'BJP's bogey'

"This is a bogey raised by the BJP in Karnataka. They want the guarantees to be shut down," the Congress leader said. "I reiterate that BJP leaders, from R. Ashok to B.Y. Vijayendra, want to stop the five guarantees. They want ₹58,000 crore not to go to the pockets of Kannadigas in a transparent manner."

Mr. Surjewala was silent on the issues about corruption raised by MLAs in the distribution of houses meant for the houseless in Kalaburagi and other parts of the State.

Notice issued to Iqbal Hussain

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

He had spoken about the possibility of Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar assuming the post of the Chief Minister soon

Congress MLA H.A. Iqbal Hussain, who had spoken about the possibility of Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar assuming the post of the Chief Minister soon, has been served with a notice for making public statements that have "created confusion and embarrassed the party."

Mr. Shivakumar, who is also the Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee (KPCC) president, in the notice has asked Mr. Hussain to reply within a week citing reasons for flouting party discipline.

Earlier in the day, Mr. Shivakumar had reiterated that there had been "no discussion about change of Chief Minister or expansion of the Cabinet" in the ongoing meetings with AICC general secretary in charge of Karnataka Randeep Singh Surjewala.

On Mr. Hussain's statements, Mr. Shivakumar said, "No one should make public statements on this. Siddaramaiah is the Chief Minister and we all should strengthen his hands."

Mr. Surjewala, he said, was trying to bring in discipline in the party amid public statements by some of the MLAs. "We are not in a hurry for that and our only focus is 2028," said Mr. Shivakumar.

Asked about MLA B.R. Patil expressing dissatisfaction over grants, he said, "The State Budget has allocated ₹1 lakh crore for development. A sum of ₹54,000 crore is earmarked for the guarantee schemes; ₹19,000 crore is spent on providing electricity to farmers. Isn't this development?"

Monsoon: June registers 8% more rainfall; huge shortfall in south-interior districts

K.C. Deepika
BENGALURU

The crucial southwest monsoon, which arrived earlier than usual this year, saw 8% surplus rainfall in Karnataka as a whole in June. However, some districts, especially those under the south-interior Karnataka (SIK) meteorological division, witnessed huge shortfalls, according to data from the India Meteorological Department (IMD), Bengaluru.

A file photo of a flooded road in Mangaluru during heavy rains.

Southwest monsoon rainfall in June in Karnataka (in mm)

Karnataka
Actual: 216.1 | Normal: 200.9 | Departure from normal: 8%

Met subdivisions

Coastal Karnataka	North-interior Karnataka	South-interior Karnataka
Actual: 929.6	Actual: 122.9	Actual: 153.7
Normal: 863.6	Normal: 105.3	Normal: 149.7
Departure from normal: 8%	Departure from normal: 17%	Departure from normal: 3%

Source: IMD, Bengaluru

Most surplus

Belagavi district in the north-interior Karnataka (NIK) meteorological subdivision received the most surplus rainfall with a 98% departure from normal, while on the other end of the spectrum was Bengaluru South district (formerly Ramanagara), with a -74% departure from normal.

Among the districts under the SIK, Ballari, Chikkamagaluru, Chitradurga, Davangere, Kodagu, and Vijayanagara received excess rainfall. On the other hand, Bengaluru Urban and Rural, Chamarajanagar, Chickballapur, Hassan, Kolar, Mandya, Mysuru, Shivamogga, and Tumakuru recorded deficient rainfall, apart from Bengaluru South.

All the districts under the coastal Karnataka subdivision – Dakshina Kannada, Uttara Kannada, and Udupi – received good rainfall in June. In NIK, apart from Belagavi, Dharwad saw excess rainfall, with a 46% departure from normal. Yadgir had the largest deficiency in this subdivision, with -45% departure from normal.

Subdivision-wise, though, all three recorded normal to surplus rainfall: Coastal Karnataka had an 8% departure from normal, NIK 17%, and SIK 3%.

Overall normal

C.S. Patil, scientist and director, IMD Bengaluru, said, "The south-interior Karnataka districts have received less rainfall, but overall the rainfall is normal for June. The western districts have received good rainfall, especially the hilly and coastal districts."

To increase this month

In line with the forecast for July for India, Mr. Patil said the rainfall was expected to increase overall for the State this month. The IMD has forecast that monsoon rainfall in July will be 'above normal,' while June-September will also be 6% above normal.

Mrutunjay Mohapatra, Director-General, IMD, had said on Monday that the strong rainfall expected ahead is largely due to the absence of an El Nino pattern. The IMD had also said that the monsoon rainfall in June for India has been 8.9% more than usual, and except for eastern and northeastern India, most regions have seen surplus rains. South India, though, recorded a shortfall of about 3%.

SC survey extended only in Bengaluru till July 6

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The H.N. Nagamohan Das Commission spearheading the Scheduled Castes survey across the State to provide internal reservation, has extended the exercise till July 6, only in Bengaluru, both in the city's civic body limits and Bengaluru Urban district.

After multiple extensions, the survey concluded on June 30, with 91.84% of the projected population covered. However, there has been a big lag in coverage of the projected population in Bengaluru. Despite special drives to paste stickers on houses covered under the survey and providing an option to fill in the details online, the survey could cover only 52% of the projected population in Bengaluru. As of June 30, of the projected SC population of 13.62 lakh in the city, the survey could identify only 7.04 lakh SC people.

Owing to this, Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike Commissioner M. Maheshwar Rao had written to Mr. Nagamohan Das seeking an extension of the survey in the city till July 15. The Social Justice Department had also sought the extension of the survey in Bengaluru.

H.N. Nagamohan Das

Only 52% of the projected SC population in Bengaluru has been covered so far

Considering these requests, Mr. Nagamohan Das has extended the survey in the BBMP and Bengaluru Urban district till July 6. In a special drive over the past two weeks, BBMP officers have been visiting individual homes and pasting stickers on those houses covered under the survey.

'Fill out the full form'

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The option for self-declaration by SC families online using the link https://schedulecastesurvey.karnataka.gov.in/selfdeclaration has been extended till July 6 across the State.

"Many who have attempted to take the survey online seem to have no patience to fill out the full form of 42 questions. They fill in a few questions and log out. We appeal to those taking the survey online to fill out the full questionnaire," retired judge H.N. Nagamohan Das told *The Hindu*.

Media should not appease anyone, including me: CM

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

"If the times are such that we have to fight to find the real news, does that not mean that fake news is on the rise?" asked Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, inaugurating a conversation on 'Fight for Real News' at the 'Press Day - 2025' celebrations organised by the Karnataka Media Academy, Department of Information and Public Relations, and the Working Journalists' Association.

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah being greeted by Karnataka Media Academy chairperson Ayesha Khanum in the presence of founder-editor of the People's Archive of Rural India P. Sainath and writer Rahmat Tarikere in Bengaluru on Tuesday. K. MURALI KUMAR

Calling out the dangers of speculation in journalism, he said, "Speculative journalism is dangerous to journalism itself and to society. Fake and speculative journalism must be countered." Reiterating that media must function independently and fearlessly, he said, "Media should not appease anyone, including me. No matter how many lies are told about me on various channels, I don't call anyone."

He also launched the free bus pass scheme for rural journalists and the 'Health Sanjeevini' plan for journalists during the event.

Prioritising profits

"Media and journalism are two different entities. Media organisations have become corporate behemoths while journalism is about finding the right facts," said P. Sainath, renowned journalist and founder-editor of the People's Archive of Rural India (PARI), who delivered the keynote address on 'The battle for factual reporting'.

He said, "The presence of conglomerates which now control vast swathes of media outlets – nearly 30% of India's media and over 70 channels, reaching nearly 800 million viewers – has made media into a single large corporate entity and has reduced journalists to stenographers of power".

Report sought on tiger deaths in last five-and-a-half years

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Environment Minister Eshwar Khandre on Tuesday directed Forest Department officials to submit a report on the deaths of tigers in the State in the last five-and-a-half years.

Expressing shock over media reports claiming that 82 tigers had died in the State in the last five-and-a-half years, he sought a report to be submitted within 10 days.

Mr. Khandre has instructed the Additional Chief Secretary of the Forest, Ecology and Environment Department, and the Chief Wildlife Wardens in this regard. He has sought details of how many of these 82 tiger deaths were due to natural causes and how many tigers died of unnatural causes.

He also sought details on the investigation conducted into these deaths and on the status of the investigation reports.

"Were any of the organs of the dead tigers, such as nails and teeth, removed? If the tigers were killed, has action been taken against the staff and officials who showed negligence? How many accused have been arrested and punished in cases of tiger killings so far? How many cases are under investigation?," the Minister sought to know.

Leopard killed

"A few days before the case of alleged poisoning of five tigers at Hoogyam in M.M Hills, a leopard was killed in the Ramapur-Martalli border of Kaudalli zone, and its legs were amputated. An investigation has been ordered by the Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests-led team," Mr. Khandre said. "If it is true that the leopard's limbs were amputated, it has been instructed to submit a report within seven days with recommendations for action to be taken against the guilty officer and staff," he added.

RDPR Dept. launches Tarangini programme

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

In an attempt to make Gram Panchayat Arivu Kendras more accessible to people with disabilities, the Department of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj (RDPR) has launched the Tarangini programme, where Alexa-assistive devices have been distributed to 200 select kendras. The programme was inaugurated by Minister for RDPR and IT/BT Priyank Kharge.

In the first phase, Arivu Kendras from Bengaluru Urban, Bengaluru Rural, Kolar, Chickballapur, and Bengaluru South (formerly Ramanagara) zilla panchayats have been selected under the programme.

Implemented in partnership with United Way Bengaluru and supported by CSR funds from State Street Company, the initiative has been launched primarily targeting people with visual disabilities, for whom listening is the primary mode of learning.

Mr. Kharge pointed out that the RDPR Department has already launched the Darshini programme to make Arivu Kendras inclusive for persons with disabilities, under which eight assistive devices have already been distributed. Tarangini builds on this initiative.

According to Mr. Kharge, since the transfer of rural library management from the Department of Public Libraries to the RDPR Department in March 2019, progress has been made under the supervision of gram panchayats. Arivu Kendras have been upgraded from traditional libraries to multifunctional centres providing digital learning content, career guidance, and inclusive technologies for persons with disabilities. There are 5,888 Arivu Kendras in rural Karnataka, out of which 5,767 have been digitised.

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Over 300 officials involved in search operations at site of Telangana blast

Senior official from Factories department suspects static charge and reactor pressure build-up as contributing factors in Monday's pharma unit blast; 143 individuals were present inside the facility at the time of the accident, officials say

Lavpreet Kaur
HYDERABAD

Rescue operations continued through Tuesday at Sigachi Industries Ltd., a pharmaceutical unit near Hyderabad, where an explosion the previous day killed at least 36 workers and several others injured. Over 300 personnel from various emergency agencies are on the ground, navigating a site strewn with heavy concrete debris and mangled machinery parts.

Officials confirmed that 143 individuals were at the facility at the time of the explosion, of whom 74 were affected. "During the overnight search operation, a total of 19 bodies were retrieved from the debris. Search operations are still under way both at the site and in nearby areas for individuals who remain missing," Swamy Goud, Circle Inspector of BDL Bhanur Police Station said, adding that no bodies were retrieved from the site during the day.

Telangana State Disaster Response and Fire Services Director-General Y. Nagi Reddy said despite adverse weather conditions and heavy rain, search operations had been ongoing without pause. "As per factory records, six workers are still missing," he said.

Ground zero: Telangana Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy during an inspection at the site in Sangareddy on Tuesday. MOHD. ARIF

Nearly 200 Fire Department officials, 60 personnel from the State Disaster Response Force, 30 from the National Disaster Response Force, and over 100 members from the Hyderabad Disaster Response and Awareness Authority are involved.

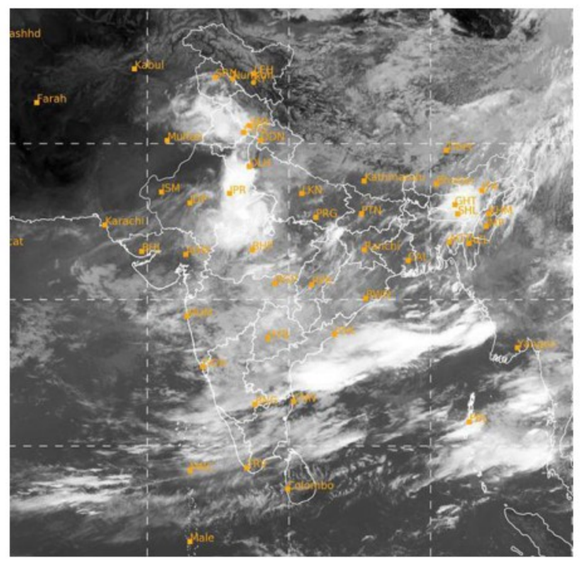
Officials of Telangana Department of Factories inspected the site on Tuesday.

A senior official from the Factories Department said that the static charge and reactor pressure could both be contributing factors to the explosion.

"As per our observation, the blast was triggered in the dryer of the reactor where the workers were loading wet powder. Static charge is always a possibility in such units, but the real concern is how effectively that charge is discharged. Pressure build-up in the reactor could have compounded the risk," the official explained.

WEATHERWATCH

Rainfall, temperature & air quality in select metros yesterday



TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 21.15 HRS)

Forecast for Wednesday: Heavy/very heavy rainfall likely at isolated places over Gujarat, Rajasthan, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Mizoram, Sikkim, West Bengal, Jharkhand, Odisha, Telangana, Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Konkan & Goa, Karnataka and Kerala

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	3	33.6	26.6	Kozhikode	12	29.6	24.2
Ahmedabad	1	33.0	26.2	Kurnool	0.6	33.5	25.2
Aizawl	18.6	32.5	21.4	Lucknow	17	32.9	25.2
Allahabad	36	33.5	25.0	Madurai	—	40.2	25.6
Bengaluru	0.8	26.6	20.5	Mangaluru	20.3	29.4	23.1
Bhopal	7	29.4	23.4	Mumbai	11	31.2	26.5
Bhubaneswar	6.8	31.1	25.0	Mysuru	—	27.2	20.0
Chandigarh	7.6	32.9	25.0	New Delhi	2.5	35.1	25.2
Chennai	—	36.3	29.7	Patna	36	34.0	26.0
Coimbatore	—	32.5	22.6	Port Blair	64	29.1	24.1
Dehradun	9	31.9	23.2	Puducherry	—	35.7	27.4
Gangtok	25	23.0	18.4	Pune	4.4	29.4	24.4
Goa	8.5	31.6	24.9	Raipur	2	29.2	24.4
Guwahati	0.6	32.8	27.2	Ranchi	30	26.7	23.0
Hubballi	—	28.0	23.0	Shillong	3	25.1	18.5
Hyderabad	19	28.4	20.8	Shimla	55	21.6	16.9
Imphal	—	30.4	27.1	Srinagar	—	34.2	21.6
Jaipur	—	31.5	27.7	Thiruvananthapuram	0.3	31.6	24.7
Kochi	18	30.2	23.8	Tiruchi	—	36.9	28.0
Kohima	24	28.0	19.2	Vijayawada	4	29.5	24.2
Kolkata	2	32.4	26.8	Visakhapatnam	30	26.5	24.7

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing

CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	..—	268	27	 34	43	.....
Bengaluru	.11	4	44	 34	...127	.....
Chennai	...5	...8	30	 38	...107	.....
Delhi	.10	..43	41	... 127	...130	.....
Hyderabad	...5	8	63	 83	90	.....
Kolkata	...3	..38	19	 51	50	.....
Lucknow	.61	..12	15	 63	46	.....
Mumbai	.28	..67	28	 61	75	.....
Pune	..—	..55	46	 33	51	.....
Visakhapatnam	.13	..73	37	 53	67	.....

Yesterday

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Nandesari, Gujarat recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 147 indicating a moderate level of pollution. In contrast, Shillong, Meghalaya recorded a healthy AQI score of 10

Air Quality Code: Poor Moderate Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

Terror suspect who remained elusive for 30 years arrested

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

The Tamil Nadu police have arrested Abubacker Siddique, a terror suspect wanted in several bomb blast cases who was on the run for over 30 years. He was apprehended along with another long-time absconding accused, Mohammed Ali alias Yunus alias Mansoor, from Annamayya district in Andhra Pradesh.

Siddique had been evading arrest since 1995, and was implicated in several major terror-related incidents, including the 1995 Hindu Munnani office blast in Chennai; a parcel bomb explosion in Nagore the same year, resulting in one death; coordinated planting of bombs at seven locations across Chennai, Tiruchi, Coimbatore, and Kerala in 1999; the 2011 pipe bomb-planting attempt during former Deputy Prime Minister L.K. Advani's Rath Yatra in Madurai; the 2012 murder of Dr. Arvind Reddy in Vellore; and the 2013 bomb blast near the BJP office in Bengaluru.

Acting on specific intelligence, a special team of the Anti-Terrorism Squad (ATS) arrested Siddique, a native of Nagore, and Ali, a resident of Tirunelveli.

Ali had been absconding for 26 years, and was also wanted in connection with the 1999 bomb-planting incidents at multiple locations in Tamil Nadu and Kerala.

Sivaganga custodial death case transferred to CBI

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

The investigation into the alleged custodial death in the Thirupuvanam police station in Sivaganga district was transferred to the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) less than a day after it was transferred to the CB-CID. Chief Minister M.K. Stalin made the recommendation to transfer the probe, and said his government would extend full cooperation to the Central agency.

Though the Madras High Court had observed that the CB-CID could continue the probe, Mr. Stalin said, "I have ordered the transfer of the investigation to the CBI since allegations have been made against five policemen, and there should not be any doubt cast on the probe [if the CB-CID continued with it]."

Recalling his appeal to the police on several occasions that their actions should not violate human rights, Mr. Stalin said in an official statement that he would never accept such violations.

The police action in Thirupuvanam was "not at all pardonable", he said, adding, "I warn that such incidents should not be committed by anybody at any time."

The police should act in such a way that would instil confidence in the minds of the people who approach them for getting their grievances redressed, Mr. Stalin said. "I was pained to know that his [B. Ajith Kumar's] death was due to the assault on him by the policemen. No one can justify this act, and no one can escape with excuses," he said.

Deposit ₹7 lakh in 10 days, HC tells Kerala govt. in ragging case

The Hindu Bureau
KOCHI

The Kerala High Court has directed the State government to deposit before its Registry ₹7 lakh within 10 days as the compensation directed by the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) to the family of Sidharthan J.S., a 20-year-old student who was found dead at the College of Veterinary and Animal Sciences, Pookode, Wayanad, in February 2024, allegedly following ragging.

The State government on Friday challenged the NHRC order issued in October 2024 before the High Court, claiming that the commission did not have the power to order compensation. The court questioned the delay on the part of the government in filing the petition and directed it to submit an affidavit citing the reasons for the delay. The case has been posted for hearing on July 11.

INBRIEF

Ravada Chandrasekhar takes charge as Kerala police chief

Ravada A. Chandrasekhar officially assumed charge as the 41st State Police Chief (SPC) on Tuesday, succeeding Shaik Darvesh Saheb, who retired a day ago. The 1991-batch IPS officer received the ceremonial baton from Additional Director General of Police H. Venkatesh, who briefly held charge following Mr. Saheb's retirement. His tenure as the State Police Chief is expected to continue until July 2026. "The biggest immediate threat facing our society is the increasing influence of drugs. We will implement a special strategy to confront this issue," he said.

Tirupati police deploy drones to track down drug peddlers

The Tirupati district police has deployed drones to identify 'dens' used by anti-social elements, especially ganja and drug peddlers, to perpetuate their network. The initiative taken under Tiruchanur police limits on Tuesday yielded results after the drone captured images of unidentified persons consuming narcotic substances at a dilapidated building. The drone operators alerted the special police and the Elite Anti-Narcotics Group for Law Enforcement which rushed to the spot and rounded up the offenders.

Kerala actor Minu Muneer arrested in defamation case

The Kochi City cybercrime police on Monday arrested Malayalam actor Minu Muneer, 45, in connection with a case registered based on a complaint by actor-director Balachandra Menon accusing her of making obscene and defamatory comments about him on social media. She surrendered at the cybercrime police station after the Kerala High Court dismissed her anticipatory bail plea and directed her to appear before the police. Later, she was released on bail as per the direction of the High Court. Ms. Muneer was one of the two accused in the case.

Rain cover

Trickling joy: Parents and children coming back from school amid rain in Visakhapatnam on Tuesday. The IMD has predicted light to moderate rain over north and south coastal A.P. and Rayalaseema due to the presence of weather systems in the Bay of Bengal. K.R. DEEPAK

BJP picks new chiefs for A.P., Telangana

The Hindu Bureau
VIJAYAWADA

The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) declared former MLC P.V.N. Madhav as the new president of its Andhra Pradesh unit and former MLC Ramchander Rao as its Telangana unit chief on Tuesday.

Karnataka MP and BJP National Council member P.C. Mohan announced Mr. Madhav unanimous election.

Mr. Madhav received the certificate of appointment from State Election Officer Paka Satyanarayana at a function in Vijayawada on Tuesday.

In his address, Mr. Madhav thanked the party leadership for the trust placed in him and reaffirmed his commitment to building the BJP into a dominant political force in the State.

Mr. Madhav noted that under the guidance of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and with the support of grassroots workers, the party would work to ensure development and represent the aspirations of Andhra Pradesh people.

Meanwhile, Union Minister Shobha Karandlaje, who was the returning officer for the election in Telangana, handed over the appointment letter to Mr. Rao.

BJP senior leaders, including Union Ministers G Kishan Reddy and Bandi Sanjay Kumar, congratulated Mr. Rao.

Mr. Rao, who was the only candidate to file his nomination for the post, said the BJP has grown in Telangana from being a minor player to now having eight Lok Sabha members, eight MLAs, a Rajya Sabha member and three MLCs. *(With PTI inputs)*

British-era boat, once sold as scrap, set to get new lease of life

M.P. Praveen
KOCHI

Seethi Sajar, 52, a scrap dealer from Thoppumpady in Kerala, was in for a surprise when he turned up at the Cochin Port Trust, since then renamed the Cochin Port Authority (CoPA), to take delivery of a chunk of scrap he bought in an auction in 2010.

When he spotted an archaic wooden boat, valued at ₹2 lakh, among the materials, he thought little of it. Only when a senior port officer told him that it was the boat used by the late British harbour engineer Sir Robert Charles Bristow who founded Willingdon Island did he realise its historical significance.

"It was thrilling to even think that I was in possession of the boat used by a historical figure like Bristow *sayippu* (foreigner). Since my yard at Karuvelippady didn't have the facilities to restore the boat at that time, I kept it fully wrapped, protecting it from rain, sun, and dust," said Mr. Sajar, who has been in the scrap business and ship dismantling business for the last 35 years.

Team work

He started the restoration of the boat, which is fully made in teak, three months ago.

He was fortunate to find two veteran boat maintenance workers with experience of having handled similar traditional boats in wood at Ponjikkara in Ernakulam district. They have been working on the boat since then.

Time capsule: The boat of the late Robert Charles Bristow, a British harbour engineer, being restored in Kochi. R.K. NITHIN

"We have been careful not to tinker with its original structure and design, considering its historic significance. The focus is more on restoring it to its old glory rather than renovating. Missing wooden planks are being replaced, some nails are being tightened, the steering wheel that has fallen off has been put back, and the engine cover is being replaced. The engine is still in good condition and it will be given a fresh coat of polish," said Mr. Sajar.

He said that he had spent around ₹10 lakh on its restoration so far.

Public display soon

He remains hopeful of wrapping up the works by August, in time for Onam. The boat will be then showcased for the public.

Mr. Sajar has bought a 3-acre plot at Karuvelippady where he plans to construct a fibre glass enclosure for displaying the boat.

Bony Thomas, a journalist, cartoonist and historian, slammed the sale of the historical object as mere scrap. Bristow is credited with putting Kochi on the global map, found India's biggest man-made island, modernised the Kochi port, and built bridges for improved connectivity.

"A scrap dealer showed better sense than the port authorities. Here was a boat Bristow had used extensively since his arrival in 1920. The boat has been mentioned at three places in his renowned book *Cochin Saga*. To sell it as mere scrap is height of ignorance," said Mr. Thomas.

Costly lapses

Pharma plants should have a high level of safety culture

Microcrystalline Cellulose (MCC) is chemically inert. The human body does not absorb it. The skin does not react to it. But it has several useful physical properties such as being a binder and texturiser, which is why it has varied applications in the pharmaceutical, food, cosmetics and other industries. MCC can add weight to a drug and facilitate the active ingredients to function effectively while making the drug conform to weight specifications. On Monday, however, the pharma unit of Sigachi Industries in Hyderabad, which makes this benign substance, was the scene of a lethal accident, with the toll rising to 36 on Tuesday. The making of this safe substance does involve risky processes, which can, however, be safe if appropriate procedures are followed by trained personnel. Most of the dead are young, poor, migrant workers from northern and eastern India who often lack social support. The Telangana government has announced an ex gratia of ₹1 crore and efforts must be made to ensure it reaches the families. It does seem that the response of mitigation agencies was timely and is ongoing.

The blast, however, puts the spotlight back on the pharma manufacturing industry, which has been a foreign exchange earner for India. Such accidents have been frequent, sadly. In August last year, there was a major accident at a pharma unit in Anakapalli near Visakhapatnam. Months earlier, in April, there was another accident in Hyderabad. Officials suspect that Monday's accident happened due to equipment malfunction, likely due to poor maintenance. It could have led to an abnormal build-up of temperature, leading to the blast. Key aspects of operating such hazardous units safely are that HAZOP, or a form of process hazard analysis, should be carried out by competent and knowledgeable staff. The data that individual units generate, that would indicate any abnormality, should be seamlessly integrated into operation control, again manned by competent staff. Operators should be trained, constantly aware of safety issues and implement steps that can ensure safety. While these are recommended practices, what is crucial is that such plants should have a high level of safety culture. Operators, managers and workers should be conscious of the ever-present risks. In this era of heightened scrutiny of industrial accidents by proactive media, manufacturing units are expected to conform to global norms especially regarding safety. Major slip-ups, such as this accident in Hyderabad, are likely to have a negative bearing on this key source of trade for India.

Demand distress

Rural demand might yet pick up during the festival season

The new financial year has gotten off to a relatively poor start when it comes to industrial production. Growth in the Index of Industrial Production slumped to a nine-month low of 1.2% in May 2025. This follows an eight-month low of 2.6% in April. Taken together, this puts the average growth in the index so far in 2025-26 at just 1.9%, down from the 5.7% average in 2024-25. A major reason behind the dip in May's industrial performance was due to the electricity sector, which contracted 5.8%, its worst performance since June 2020, nearly five years ago. This poor performance in electricity generation can be put down to an unusually cool May, but it could also point towards lower offtake for industrial purposes. The fact also remains that the slowdown in the overall IIP has been broad-based – several key sectors have either contracted or slowed sharply. The manufacturing sector slowed to a growth of 2.6% in May, down from 5.1% in May last year. A deeper look shows that this slowdown was driven by contractions in the manufacture of textiles, leather products, chemicals, pharmaceuticals, electronics, and furniture. While some of these are core sectors, most are consumer-facing, implying that demand in the economy is not picking up, and may even be slackening further. This is backed by the fact that the consumer durables and nondurables sectors simultaneously contracted for the first time since November 2023.

A sub-sector analysis of this data further reinforces the takeaway that demand is weak. Within consumer durables, the IIP data showed significant contractions in the production of footwear, books, plastic furniture, shaving razors, stainless steel utensils, computers, phones, air-conditioners and coolers. These are all items of discretionary spending, not strictly essential, which implies that people are holding off on their purchases. Even among consumer non-durables, the items that have seen contractions – such as meat, honey, fruit juice, jams, sugar and bottled water – are those that are eschewed the quickest during lean periods. The situation does not seem to have improved much in June either. The private sector manufacturing Purchasing Managers Index report, released on Tuesday, shows that while demand for intermediate goods is doing well, the same cannot be said for either capital or consumer goods. In recent interviews, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman has expressed confidence that urban demand is recovering and that Budget 2025's tax breaks will boost demand by the time the festival season rolls around. The progress of the monsoon so far indicates that rural demand may indeed pick up by then, but urban demand remains a worry. With trade remaining subdued and uncertain, domestic demand weakness does not augur well for the economy in 2025-26.

A triangular dynamic in South Asia's power politics

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In the complex interplay of great power politics in South Asia, the triangular relationship between the United States, India and Pakistan reveals a story. It is one about enduring strategic necessity as much as it is about the contest of political ideologies, national interests and historical legacies.

United States President Donald Trump's recent lunch with Pakistan's Army Chief, Field Marshal Asim Munir – a deliberate overture laden with both symbolism and nostalgia – resurrects the ghosts of Cold War realpolitik. Mr. Trump's repeated claims, despite India's persistent denials, of having brokered a ceasefire between India and Pakistan, using trade as a lever, alongwith his high-profile interaction with the Pakistan Army chief at the White House signals an American eagerness to revert to a diplomacy of shortcuts.

The Trump administration's transactional view of diplomacy, privileging deals over doctrines, has led to a turnaround in U.S.-Pakistan relations, casting a dark shadow over the delicate trust meticulously built through decades of U.S.-India counterterrorism cooperation as well as strategic convergence on China – a feat often regarded as one of the most creditable episodes of American diplomacy after the end of the Cold War.

America's pronounced shift

Mr. Trump's previous tenure as President was marked by an unusually blunt censure of Pakistan's notorious double-game of a Machiavellian policy of cooperating with western countries in counterterrorism, while simultaneously supporting terror outfits that serve its regional interests. This stance had struck a chord with New Delhi's unyielding approach toward terrorism, buttressing an already blooming 'natural partnership' with Washington. Yet, in the Trump administration's second tenure, a perceptible pivot has taken shape.

Very early on, the Trump White House reopened channels of security assistance to Pakistan, notably authorising $397 million to sustain Islamabad's F-16 fleet - ostensibly for counter-terrorism purposes. Public acknowledgments from top American military officials, terming Pakistan as a "phenomenal partner" together with Mr. Trump's own gestures of gratitude toward Pakistan's cooperation in counter-terror operations, reveal an unmistakable recalibration that privileges immediate strategic utility and transactional gains over previously cultivated long-term vision of bilateral relationship. By lauding Pakistan's knowledge of Iran as "better than most", Mr. Trump has hinted at something far more combustible – that Pakistan's military could become a potential asset in navigating the volatile theatre of Iran-Israel conflict.

This American shift has naturally caused concern in New Delhi as it could prove a serious impediment to India's aspirations for a principled partnership with the Trump-led White House. The U.S., the self-styled custodian of a liberal international order that India has also sought to embrace, now appears to treat Pakistan not as a terror-permissive and nuclear-armed outcaste state, but as a strategic interlocutor deserving engagement. The recalibration is supported by multiple factors: economic incentives, personal rapport with Pakistan's military leadership, and America's continuing desire to retain leverage in Afghanistan, and the broader region surrounding China. For Pakistan, it represents a critical opportunity to retrieve lost diplomatic space and rehabilitate its tainted global image, though domestic political currents inject ambiguity into Islamabad's willingness to fully embrace cooperation with Washington.

> In the ties between the United States, India and Pakistan, American policy now oscillates between idealism, realism and transactionalism

India's doctrinal departure

Against this backdrop, the events of late April and early May have concretised the volatility inherent in South Asia's security architecture. The devastating terror attack in Pahalgam unleashed a decisive Indian military response. India's 'Operation Sindoor' marked a doctrinal departure from the long-standing policy of strategic restraint. Prime Minister Narendra Modi's declaration of a "new normal" has signalled a readiness to transcend previous thresholds, blending kinetic military retaliation with diplomatic campaign with the intent of isolating Pakistan globally and imposing accountability on the state apparatus that enables terrorist groups aligned against India. Mr. Modi's depiction of the ceasefire as a mere pause highlights India's broader aim to alter the calculus of Pakistan's hostility, even as Beijing's close ties with Islamabad and adversarial posture toward New Delhi amplify apprehensions of a two-front confrontation.

On the other hand, Pakistan has intensified its dual-track strategy that seeks to combine military posturing with diplomatic engagement with the U.S. with the aim of reviving international attention on the Kashmir issue. The unprecedented promotion of Asim Munir to the rank of field marshal also marks a consolidation of military primacy in Pakistan's national security framework. This entrenchment of a "hard state" doctrine, characterised by centralised military authority which remains fanatically resistant to civilian oversight, underscores Rawalpindi's determination to project unbending strength amid multiple internal and external pressures.

Simultaneously, Pakistan is attempting to capitalise on its geopolitical location and diplomatic slyness to maintain its indispensability in America's current strategic calculations. Islamabad's outreach to Washington, which is reflected in trade negotiations, concessions over rare earth minerals, and innovative economic partnerships entwined with American business interests, suggests a cunning charm offensive to sustain international attention and economic lifelines. It is a strategy that perhaps recognises its own limitations in raw military power and economic scale but leverages the geographic centrality and personal diplomacy to maintain geopolitical relevance.

The U.S.'s role in this volatile equation is characterised by a deliberate ambivalence that reflects the complexity of its competing priorities. Washington today seems to have become preoccupied to the point of obsession with tariff and trade, implying that India's role in the Indo-Pacific attracts proportionately less attention than in the past, even though the Quad Foreign Ministers held their meeting in Washington on July 1.

New Delhi's persistent rejection of any third-party mediation in Kashmir underscores its determination to keep its core security issues tightly within its own sovereign domain. On the contrary, a Beijing-aligned Pakistan is desperate to embrace American engagement, perceiving it as a means to keep Kashmir from fading into diplomatic obscurity and to counterbalance India's manoeuvring space. However, any American effort to "hyphenate" New Delhi and Islamabad would run counter to India's vision of itself as a rising global power, while undermining bipartisan consensus to deepen ties with the U.S.

What drives Pakistan's relevance

Pakistan's continued relevance in American foreign policy seems to be driven by immutable facts of geography as well as carefully honed craft of personal diplomacy, giving its military leadership an inflated sense of purpose and power. Situated at the crossroads of South Asia, Central and West Asia, and bordering Iran, Afghanistan and China, there are certain quarters in Washington prone to the view that Pakistan is an indispensable linchpin to America's regional strategy, particularly in Afghanistan and Iran where its logistical and intelligence roles are still critical. This geographic leverage likely magnifies Pakistan's diplomatic voice in Washington, reinforcing a perception in Rawalpindi that it could help Pakistan counter India's superior economic and demographic credentials. Personal rapport in diplomatic corridors often translates into material and political support, ensuring Pakistan's endurance as a contradictory, yet "phenomenal" partner.

As enduring strategic sympathy for India becomes hostage to the shifting sands of personality-driven politics in the U.S., and the 'friend' in the U.S.-Pakistan frenemy dynamic gaining the upper hand, a geopolitically conscious Washington must walk a delicate tightrope. Each party seeks to instrumentalise the U.S. to its own ends, while American policy oscillates between idealism, realism and transactionalism.

Reserved faculty posts are still vacant and out of reach

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India's commitment to social justice, enshrined in the Constitution, mandates equitable representation to marginalised communities in public institutions. Reservation policies for Scheduled Castes (SCs), Scheduled Tribes (STs), Other Backward Classes (OBCs), and Economically Weaker Sections (EWS) aim to address historical inequalities with a quota of 15%, 7.5%, 27%, and 10% of posts, respectively. Yet, central universities and premier institutions such as the Indian Institutes of Technology, the Indian Institutes of Management and the All India Institute of Medical Sciences consistently fail to fill reserved faculty positions, shifting the focus to this constitutional mandate. Importantly, the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)-led political dispensation has often promised to abide by the agenda of social justice to make India's institutions more inclusive and democratic. In this case, what are the systemic barriers that prevent these institutions from enabling inclusive representation?

A persistent gap

In data presented by Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan in the Lok Sabha in April 2021, there were significant vacancies in reserved faculty posts across 45 central universities: 2,389 for SCs, 1,199 for STs, and 4,251 for OBCs. More recent reports suggest that while some progress has been made with a special drive for recruitment in certain universities (Jawaharlal Nehru University and University of Delhi), the gap persists. A University Grants Commission (UGC) report (2023) indicated that nearly 30% of reserved teaching posts in central universities remain unfilled, particularly at senior levels such as associate professor and professor.

This shortfall is in contrast to other public sectors (railways and banks), where reserved posts at the lower levels (Group C and D) are often filled. However, senior positions of power and privileges are still out of reach for marginalised social groups. In academia too, the senior positions (vice chancellors, directors, principals and professors) have been dominated by unreserved categories, highlighting a structural disparity in higher education.

> Central universities and premier institutions must align their recruitment practices with the goal of social justice

Systemic barriers

Several factors contribute to the non-fulfilment of reserved faculty posts. First, central universities and institutes of national importance operate with significant autonomy, sometimes insulating them from governmental oversight. While the UGC mandates adherence to reservation policies, enforcement varies. Vice-Chancellors and selection committees, often drawn from dominant social groups, show a lack of urgency or accountability to prioritise the social justice agenda.

Second, the UGC's shift in 2018 to the "13-point roster system" for faculty recruitment has been contentious. Unlike the earlier 200-point system, which treated the entire institution as a unit for calculating reservations, the new system considers individual departments as units. In smaller departments with limited posts (for example, six faculty positions), only one post may be reserved for OBCs, and none for STs until 14 posts are created. This has significantly reduced the number of reserved positions, particularly for STs, prompting legal challenges and protests.

Third, allegations of bias in the selection process persist. Qualified candidates from marginalised communities often face rejection under vague criteria such as "candidate not found suitable". Such practices can discourage talented academics from SC, ST, and OBC backgrounds from pursuing university careers, perpetuating a cycle of exclusion. A study by the Ambedkar University Faculty Association in 2022 highlighted that over 60% of reserved post vacancies in central universities were attributed to such discretionary rejections.

Finally, institutional practices sometimes undermine fairness. Reports of biased appointments influenced by political affiliations or ideological alignment raise concerns about transparency. Though successive governments, both Congress and BJP, have championed social justice, the gap between policy rhetoric and implementation remains wide.

Addressing the challenge

Filling reserved faculty posts requires a multi-pronged approach. First, stricter enforcement of UGC guidelines is essential, supplementing the values of social justice. Regular audits and public reporting of reservation compliance could hold institutions accountable. Second, revisiting the 13-point roster system to ensure that it aligns with constitutional mandates is critical. Hearings by the Supreme Court of India, that are ongoing on this issue, may provide clarity.

Third, universities must address biases in recruitment by enabling diversity in selection committees and standardising evaluation criteria. Training programmes to sensitise academic leaders to social justice principles could foster inclusivity. Finally, it requires proactive outreach and political enforcement. Social justice should not remain a mere political slogan. The ruling class must ensure its effective implementation in every institution.

The persistent vacancy of reserved faculty posts undermines India's vision of an inclusive education system. Universities are not merely centres of learning but also spaces for social transformation. Ensuring equitable representation in faculty positions is not just a legal obligation but also a moral imperative to reflect India's diverse society.

As the National Education Policy 2020 emphasises multidisciplinary and inclusive education, central universities must align their recruitment practices with the goals of ensuring more faculty members from the marginalised social groups. Only concerted action that combines substantive policy reform, greater institutional accountability towards social justice and political vision of the ruling class to make public institutions more inclusive can bridge the gap between the social justice mandate and the current hesitation of the academic institutions towards it.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Pharma unit blast

The massive explosion at a pharmaceutical unit near Hyderabad is among one of the worst-ever industrial disasters in the country in recent years (Front page, July 1). India has been witness to a surge in explosion-related accidents in industrial establishments. The country boasts of being an industrial powerhouse with a lot of innovative schemes and reforms in place. But with tragedies such as the one near Hyderabad, desperate and vulnerable workers are paying the price. These accidents underline the need for authorities to implement stringent safety protocols and ensure regulatory oversight.

R. Sivakumar,
Chennai

Authorities must step in

Thousands of CUET UG aspirants are worried. In the 'physical education' paper conducted on May 13, first shift, multiple questions were completely out of syllabus and at variance with the officially prescribed syllabus by the NTA. Despite several objections raised during the answer key challenge window, these questions were retained in the final answer key. Students who appeared in later shifts had an advantage. The education authorities must intervene as students who have worked hard for years should not face hardship.

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Using tech to empower women and children

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Empowerment begins with access – access to rights, to services, to protection, and to opportunity. Over the past decade, this access has been redefined and democratised through the focused commitment of the Modi government to build a more inclusive and digitally empowered India. The Ministry of Women and Child Development has been at the forefront of this transformation. Guided by Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of Viksit Bharat@2047, the Ministry has integrated technology into its programmes, ensuring that benefits reach the last mile swiftly, transparently, and efficiently.

What was once aspirational is now operational thanks to the government's emphasis on digital public infrastructure, real-time data systems, and responsive governance. With steadfast focus on care, protection, and empowerment, the Ministry has strengthened access to nutrition, education, legal safeguards, and essential entitlements, ensuring that women and children lead healthier, more secure lives, and also emerge as confident leaders and change makers of Amrit Kaal.

Transformative initiatives

A cornerstone of this transformation is the Saksham Anganwadi initiative, designed to modernise and empower over 2 lakh Anganwadi centres across India. These centres are being upgraded with smart infrastructure, digital devices, and innovative learning tools, enabling more effective delivery of nutrition, healthcare, and pre-school education services.

The integration of services provided by 14 lakh Anganwadi centres across the nation with the Poshan Tracker has enabled real-time data entry, performance monitoring, and evidence-based policy interventions. Over 10.14 crore beneficiaries, including pregnant women, lactating mothers, children under six, and adolescent girls, are now registered on Poshan Tracker. By equipping Anganwadi workers with smartphones and comprehensive training, the initiative ensures quality service delivery at the last mile.

At its core, Poshan Tracker is driving the national vision of a Swasth Bharat, Suposhit Bharat. It reimagines Anganwadi centres as digitally empowered community hubs that bridge the urban-rural divide. Recognised with the Prime Minister's Award for Excellence in Public Administration (2025), it also supports Poshan Bhi, Padhai Bhi, providing digital training modules to Anganwadi workers for early childhood education.

Further, to reduce leakages in the Supplementary Nutrition Programme, a facial recognition system has been introduced to ensure that eligible beneficiaries alone receive nutrition support.

Beyond nutrition, the Ministry is ensuring safety and support for women through technology-led platforms. The SHe-Box portal provides single-window access to every woman to lodge complaints under the Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013. It enables online redressal and tracking. Meanwhile, the Mission Shakti dashboard and mobile app provide integrated assistance to women in distress, connecting them to the nearest one-stop centre, now operational in nearly every district. These interventions exemplify how technology is being used not just for efficiency, but for justice, dignity, and empowerment.

The Modi government has also operationalised the Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana (PMMVY) – a game changer in maternal welfare. Under the PMMVY Rules, 2022, pregnant women receive ₹5,000 for their first child. Under Mission Shakti, the benefit extends to ₹6,000 if the second child is a girl – promoting positive reinforcement for daughters. Delivered through a paperless Direct Benefit Transfer system, about ₹19,000 crore has reached over 4 crore women beneficiaries since its inception.

PMMVY is a fully digital programme – leveraging Aadhaar-based authentication, mobile-based registration, doorstep assistance from Anganwadi/ASHA workers, and real-time dashboards. A dedicated grievance redressal module and citizen-facing portal ensure transparency, trust, and accountability, strengthening the government's commitment to Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao.

Tangible outcomes

These targeted efforts are delivering tangible outcomes. The latest reports from the Health Management Information System of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW) reveal that the Sex Ratio at Birth has increased from 918 (2014-15) to 930 (2023-24). The Maternal Mortality Rate has declined to 97 per 1,000 births (2018-20) from 130 per 1,000 births (2014-16).

Digital transformation has played a key role in child protection and welfare. Under the Juvenile Justice Act (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015, the Ministry has strengthened the adoption ecosystem through the CARINGS portal (Child Adoption Resource Information and Guidance System). This ensures a more transparent, accessible, and efficient adoption process.

Digitisation has also improved monitoring of child care institutions, foster care placements, and statutory support structures under the Act. Platforms developed by the National Commission for Protection of Child Rights are tracking violations of child rights. The Mission Vatsalya dashboard strengthens convergence and coordination among various child welfare stakeholders.

This is New India where governance meets technology, and policy meets purpose. Over the last decade, the Ministry has not only adapted to digital change, but championed it.

> Over the last decade, the Ministry has strengthened access to nutrition, education, legal safeguards, and essential entitlements

Akhilesh, the Ambedkarite

He has emerged as a counterpoint to Hindutva forces

STATE OF PLAY

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During the 2022 Assembly elections in Uttar Pradesh, the Dalit bangle makers in Firozabad, a traditional bastion of the Samajwadi Party (SP), said that they trusted the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) more because they had suffered at the hands of the Yadavs. "During SP rule, our women were forcibly denied ration shop queues. It was much like how our leader (Bahujan Samaj Party chief Mayawati) was assaulted by SP goons in the State guest house (in 1995)," said an artisan. The distrust was deep despite the SP and the BSP having come together for the 2019 general elections.

Cut to November 2024. Ahead of the bypolls, SP chief Akhilesh Yadav addressed rallies in western U.P. In each rally, he would underline his Other Backward Classes (OBC) identity. He would mention how after he lost power in 2017 and vacated the official residence of the Chief Minister in Lucknow, the BJP cleansed the premises with Gangajal as an act of purification. He would then speak about the Kannauj incident in 2024 where BJP workers washed the precincts of a temple after he visited it to offer prayers during his Lok Sabha election campaign. By narrating these incidents, Mr. Yadav would align his identity with the Dalits, who have historically been treated as "impure" by the so-called upper castes.

Recently, Mr. Yadav raised his voice against the assault of two Yadav priests in Etawah, another SP stronghold. The BJP accused him of giving the incident a casteist spin. However, it was this tweak in his politics that won him 43 seats alongside the Congress in the 2024 Lok Sabha polls.

Political analysts say that the change in Mr. Yadav's world view was evident from 2018 when B.R. Ambedkar prominently appeared in the party's poll literature. Soon after, a bust of Ambedkar appeared at the party office in Lucknow, and Babasahib Vahini, a party-affiliated outfit, was formed to reach out to Dalits. This crystallised into the PDA (a Hindi acronym for backwards, Dalits, and minorities) formula that has been paying electoral dividends. The order of groups may be different, but this is not significantly different from Kanshi Ram's Bahujan (majority people) politics and differs from Ms. Mayawati's focus on Sarvajan (all people) politics.

This strategy reflected in ticket distribution in 2024. The party shed its Muslim-Yadav tag while selecting candidates and successfully played the Dalit and OBC card. By focusing on Kurmi, Shakya, Maurya, and Nishad candidates and fielding two Dalits from general seats, Mr. Yadav disturbed the caste calculus of the BJP. That the desertion of established caste leaders such as Swami Prasad Maurya did not impact the party's performance indicates that the most backward communities believed in Mr. Yadav.

Political observers say that with the BSP losing direction, Mr. Yadav is aiming to replace Ms. Mayawati in the Dalit mind. A party insider says that after the election results, when people saw that '*judenge toh jeetenge* (united we win)' was possible, they wouldn't buy the slogan of the BJP, '*batoge toh katoge* (divided you will fall)'. Instead of hitting the streets, Mr. Yadav has motivated the cadre to hold PDA panchayats in villages across the State to highlight the strength of unity and the failure of the 'double engine' BJP government. "We are trying to drill the idea that the ideologies of Ram Manohar Lohia and Ambedkar can fulfil the dreams of the country and of our ancestors," said a senior party member.

Mr. Yadav is often poetic in Parliament when he criticises the government about the Waqf Act or the deaths at the Kumbh Mela. However, he lets his displeasure be known when journalists try to corner him as a dynast or a privileged politician and accuses them of being soft on the government.

With the family feud settled in his favour, one of the most significant changes in Mr. Yadav's public behaviour is that he no longer gives the impression of being an insecure politician. Despite unsavoury statements made by some Congress leaders from U.P., Mr. Yadav remains committed to the INDIA bloc. With Azam Khan out of the picture, the partnership with the Congress helps him outsource Muslim issues to the grand old party.

A section of young leaders in the SP feels that with the polls only 18 months away, Mr. Yadav should launch a padayatra like Rahul Gandhi did. They fear that without the active participation of grassroots leaders, PDA meetings could just become photo ops.

Bengaluru and Mumbai see more above-average heat days than Delhi

Delhi's maximum temperatures have remained higher than the average for a majority of the summer months since 2015

DATA POINT

Samreen Wani

Over the last 10 years, traditionally cooler cities such as Bengaluru and Mumbai have been experiencing more days with above-average temperatures than Delhi, as India grapples with increasingly severe heatwaves. A comparison of daily maximum temperatures from 2015 to 2024 against the World Meteorological Organization's standard 1991-2020 climatological baseline provides a stable measure of heat anomalies.

The most striking results come from Bengaluru, which has always been known for its moderate climate. During summer (April-June) 2019, Bengaluru recorded 86 days where maximum temperatures exceeded the long-term average – the highest among all the metros analysed **(Chart 1)**. In granular terms, the averages for maximum temperatures in for Bengaluru in April, May, and June between 1991 and 2020 were 35.34°C, 34.71°C and 31.7°C, respectively **(Table 1)**. Cumulatively in these months in 2019, the long-term average was exceeded during 86 of the 91 days. The city also experienced significant heat during the summers of 2017 (67 days) and 2023 (66). This trend continued into the monsoon season, with the city experiencing 81 above-average days in 2015 and 72 above-average days in 2023.

Mumbai also had intense summer periods in 2016 and 2018, with 69 above-average days each year. During the 2015 monsoon season, Mumbai recorded 72 such days **(Chart 2).**

While Delhi faces extreme heat, it often has fewer above-average temperature days than these metros. Its most intense summer was 2022 when 69 days were above baseline. **(Chart 3)**.

Kolkata consistently shows high numbers of warmer-than-average monsoon days. This peaked at 74 days in 2020 **(Chart 4)**.

Soaring
higher
Data accessed by Pratiman Patel from LWCC.in team from the IMD's gridded dataset.
It also includes The Hindu's calculations

Table 1: Table shows the 30-year average maximum temperatures across metros (°C)

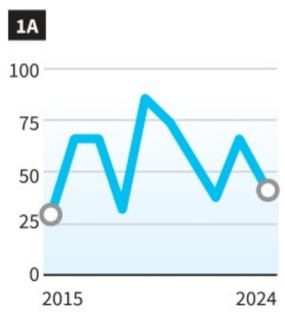
1A

Month	Mumbai	Delhi	Kolkata	Chennai	Bengaluru
April	35.94	37.21	34.29	37.17	35.34
May	36.15	40.28	34.65	38.83	34.71
June	32.75	39.25	33.77	37.37	31.70

1B

Month	Mumbai	Delhi	Kolkata	Chennai	Bengaluru
July	29.59	35.29	32.32	35.62	30.49
August	29.12	33.95	32.12	34.73	30.00
September	30.49	33.95	32.18	34.36	30.30

Chart 1: Days above 30-year average maximum temperatures for summer (top) and monsoon (bottom) for Bengaluru



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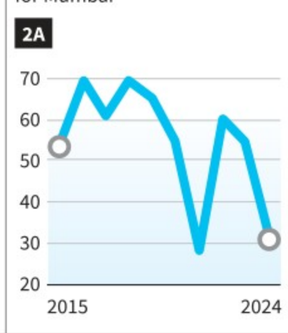

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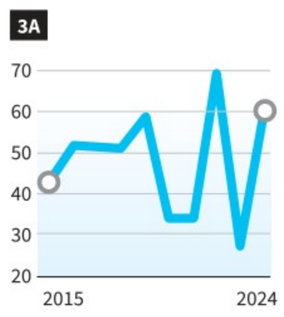


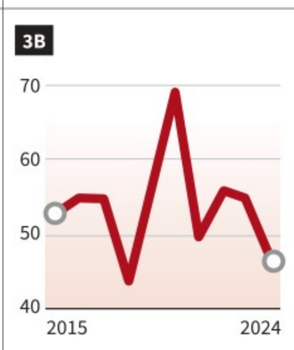
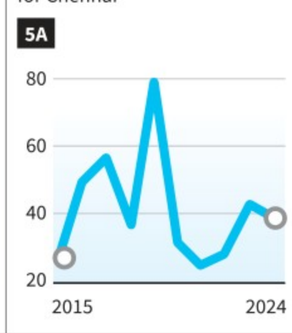
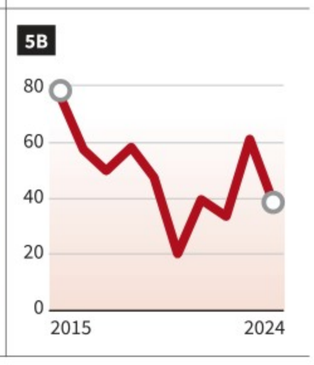


Chart 4: Days above 30-year average maximum temperatures for summer (top) and monsoon (bottom) for Kolkata

Chart 5: Days above 30-year average maximum temperatures for summer (top) and monsoon (bottom) for Chennai





FROM THE ARCHIVES
The Hindu.

FIFTY YEARS AGO JULY 2, 1975

Soil fertility ritual in Indus civilisation

Chandigarh, July 1: Rituals of worship of Mother Goddess and fertility cult in various parts of India and other parts of Asia were inseperably connected. This is revealed from a study of excavation in the Indus Valley according to Prof. Himansu Bhusan Sarkar of Midnapore in West Bengal. Some terracotta figurines discovered in Southern Sind bore remarkable affinity to those from Mohenjodaro and Harappa and from pre-Harappan sites of northern and southern Baluchistan. Many of the figurines from Mohenjodaro were painted with red slip or wash and those from Harappa even retained the traces of paint, the red being the fertility symbol, he said in a paper presented at the All India Oriental Conference held at Kurukshetra. Prof. Sarkar said the magical rites to preserve the fertility of the soil belonged to the special competence of women, whose child-bearing capacity was comparable to the productive nature of earth. The clan life, in which the mother headed every family, created Mother Goddess and raised her to the supreme position. In primitive conception such Goddesses needed human sacrifice among other things. Prof. Sarkar said in this context, some seals from the Indus Valley appeared to be quite interesting. One such seal from Harappa showed a nude female figure, with legs stretched upwards, head downwards, with a plant issuing from the womb. On the other side was found a female figure with dishevelled hair and arms upraised in fright, with a male figure threatening her with a shield-like object in one hand and sickle-like object in the other. "It seems to me that both the nude female figurines refer to the same victim before her sacrifice to the Mother Goddess," he said and added that Vedic religion did not appear to include human sacrifice in its rituals to propitiate Mother Goddess or Mother Earth.

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO JULY 2, 1925

Railway

Representations regarding the seating accommodation in the Intermediate compartments on the Madras-Calcutta section of the M. & S.M.R. elicited a reply from the General Traffic Manager that the nature of the complaint was understood and that the defect would be remedied by an alteration in the construction of the adjustable bunk.

From Page One

Explosion at fireworks unit kills 8 workers

K. Rajesh Kannan, Deputy Director, Fire and Rescue Services, Southern Region, and Chandrakumar, District Officer, Virudhunagar, oversaw the rescue operation.

R. Alaguraja, 28, of Servaikaranpatti and Lingusamy, 45, of O. Kovilpatti sustained severe burns. Mr. Alaguraja was shifted to the Government Rajaji Hospital in Madurai.

Others who were injured are Manikandan, 40; Karuppasamy, 27; and Murugalakshmi, 48.

Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M.K. Stalin condoled the accident and announced a solatium of ₹4 lakh to the families of the deceased workers from the Chief Minister's Public Relief Fund. He also announced a relief of ₹1 lakh each to those who were seriously injured and ₹50,000 to those who sustained simple injuries.

'India has every right to defend against terror'

Ahead of the ministerial meeting, Mr. Jaishankar met his Japanese counterpart TakeshiMr. Iwaya and held "comprehensive discussions on infrastructure, investment and mobility". "Our special, strategic and global partnership continues to deepen and diversify," said the Minister.

Ms. Wong echoed Mr. Rubio's earlier remarks and described the Indo-Pacific as the region where the "future of the 21st century is being shaped".

"Unfortunately, we meet in the backdrop of conflict and of escalating competition," said Ms. Wong, arguing that in the backdrop of various conflicts, it was necessary to harness Quad's "collective strength for peace, stability and prosperity for the Indo-Pacific and for our people."

She also noted that the Quad partners mobilised quickly to help Myanmar in the backdrop of the devastating earthquake that hit the country in March. Mr. Rubio mentioned that the Quad could "focus and build upon" the global supply chain of critical minerals.

Centre appeals against J&K High Court order to repatriate woman deported to Pakistan

Petitioner's daughter says the facts were distorted to push her mother out of India in the wake of the Pahalgam attack; court directs govt. to comply with order as it is not stayed despite appeal

Vijaita Singh
NEW DELHI

The Union Home Ministry has appealed against an order of the Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh High Court to repatriate Rakshanda Rashid, a 62-year-old homemaker who was deported to Pakistan after the Pahalgam terror attack despite having lived in India on a long-term visa (LTV) for almost four decades.

Rakshanda Rashid is a Pakistani citizen married to an Indian, living in Jammu for 38 years on a long-term visa. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

The Ministry filed a Letters Patent Appeal before a Division Bench of the High Court, against a June 6 order by Judge Rahul Bharti, who had directed the Union Home Secretary to bring Ms. Rashid back to India within 10 days.

On Tuesday, the judge sought compliance from the Ministry and gave it another 10 days to file its reply on the matter.

Ms. Rashid's counsel Ankur Sharma told *The Hindu* that the judge insisted on compliance from the Ministry, noting that there is no stay on the order yet, despite an appeal having been filed. The appeal will be heard by the Chief Justice's Bench on Wednesday.

On April 29, at the time of deportation, the LTV did not exist, the MHA said. Ms. Rashid had said in her petition that she applied for LTV renewal in January and the application was never rejected.

In its appeal, the Home Ministry said the "judiciary should not override" the executive's decision to deport a foreign national.

It said the High Court order was constitutionally impermissible and unsustainable, as it directed the enforcement of a judicial writ beyond the sovereign territory of India to Pakistan, where she was deported and was thus *ultra vires*.

The Ministry also said the court's direction was "legally unenforceable and diplomatically untenable."

"There exists no extradition treaty, legal instrument, or international obligation binding Pakistan to return her to India. The Indian government cannot, under existing international law, compel a sovereign nation to surrender a non-citizen," the Home Ministry said.

The Ministry said "courts must preserve the institutional boundaries necessary for effective governance" and the order, if allowed to stand, would establish a dangerous precedent.

After the April 22 Pahalgam terror attack which left 26 people dead, the Home Ministry cancelled the visas of all Pakistani citizens and asked them to leave the country by April 29.

The order exempted those with long-term visas as well as Pakistani women married to Indian citizens.

Ms. Rashid fell in both categories, being a Pakistani citizen married to an Indian, living in Jammu for the past 38 years on a long-term visa which was renewed annually. She had applied for Indian citizenship in 1996 but the request was yet to be processed.

Ms. Rashid's daughter Fatima Sheikh said her mother was forced out of India on April 29 by the police by "distorting facts".

The police took Ms. Rashid to the Attari border checkpoint in Punjab from where she was deported, her daughter said.

"They did not let us even speak to our lawyers. They were in such a hurry to deport her. All her life she has lived in Jammu. How will she survive in Pakistan? It is so expensive there, she has no one there," Ms. Sheikh said.

India asks Pakistan to verify nationality of 80 prisoners

Kallol Bhattacherjee
NEW DELHI

Both sides exchanged lists of civilian prisoners, fishers in each other's custody

Against the backdrop of tense Indo-Pakistan relations, India expressed its commitment to prioritise "all humanitarian matters", and urged Pakistan to expedite the nationality verification process of 80 "believed-to-be-Pakistani" civilian prisoners in India's custody.

This was conveyed to Islamabad on Tuesday, when the two sides exchanged lists of civilian prisoners and fishermen in each other's custody through diplomatic channels. India also urged Pakistan to release Indian defence personnel believed to be in Pakistan's custody.

"India remains committed to addressing, on priority, all humanitarian matters, including those pertaining to prisoners and fishermen in each other's country. In this context, India has urged Pakistan to expedite the nationality verification process of 80 believed-to-be-Pakistani civilian prisoners and fishermen in India's custody, whose repatriation is pending for want of nationality confirmation from Pakistan," the Ministry of External Affairs said in a statement after lists of prisoners were exchanged between the two sides. The Indian side sent the names of 382 civilian prisoners and 81 fishermen in its custody, "who are Pakistani, or are believed-to-be-Pakistani".

In reciprocation, Pakistan has sent the names of 53 civilian prisoners and 193 fishermen "who are Indian or are believed-to-be-Indian". The Indian side asked Pakistan to release Indian fishermen in that country's custody "along with their boats", and reminded Pakistan of the urgency to release Indian defence personnel, who are believed to be in Pakistan's military and civilian jails.

Pakistan was asked to expedite the release and repatriation of 159 Indian fishermen and civilian prisoners who have completed their sentence. "In addition, Pakistan has been asked to provide immediate consular access to the 26 civilian prisoners and fishermen in Pakistan's custody, who are believed-to-be-Indian and have not been provided consular access so far," the MEA said.

Under the bilateral agreement on Consular Access 2008, such lists are exchanged every year on January 1 and July 1.

Review meet held ahead of Amarnath Yatra in J&K

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) held a review meeting on Tuesday regarding preparedness for the Amarnath pilgrimage set to commence from July 3.

The meeting was aimed at assessing the readiness related to highway riding surface, lane markings, road safety measures and deployment of dedicated quick response teams.

A detailed review was held for all stretches along the 228 km-long Jammu-Srinagar section of NH-44 that falls on the pilgrimage route under NHAI's jurisdiction. The Amarnath shrine is located in Anantnag district of Jammu and Kashmir.

Blessings for the road

River sutra: Priests perform *aarti* of the Tawi river in Jammu on Tuesday ahead of the annual Amarnath Yatra. PTI

Accused in Kolkata gang rape case to be in custody till July 8

The Hindu Bureau
KOLKATA

The three accused in the South Calcutta Law College gang rape case, Monojit Mishra (31), Pramit Mukhopadhyay (20) and Zaib Ahmed (19), were produced at the Court of the Additional Chief Judicial Magistrate, Alipore, on Tuesday. They were remanded in police custody till July 8.

During the proceedings on Tuesday, the public prosecutor, praying for 10 days of police custody, said that the survivor had fallen sick while the incident was unfolding, and that the accused had given her an inhaler to recover before continuing to assault her.

Meanwhile, the defence attorney alleged that a "conspiracy" was being created against the accused and that there were no videos of the incident on their phones, as was alleged by the survivor.

"The case is under investigation. Since the case is very sensitive, we do not want to share details. However, the FIR was prompt. The three accused were arrested within 12 hours and one more person was arrested soon after. We have collected a lot of evidence, which is being analysed. The investigation is underway," Commissioner of Police in Kolkata Manoj Kumar Verma said.

The Kolkata Police on Tuesday also posted on social media that strict legal action would be taken against individuals attempting to disclose the identity of the survivor.

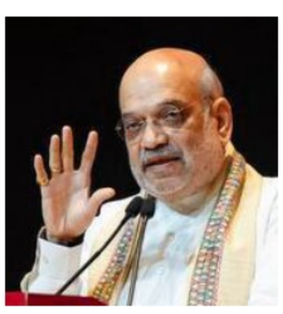
"It has come to notice that certain individuals are attempting to disclose the identity of the victim in the Kasba case through the circulation of confidential documents. Respecting the dignity and privacy of victims is a legal obligation and a moral imperative," the Kolkata Police said.

Meanwhile, a section of lawyers have submitted a letter to the Alipore Bar Council and the Alipore Criminal Court Bar Association, requesting them to pass a resolution to ensure no advocate represents the accused in the case to seek bail.

The Bharatiya Janata Party's legal department also held an agitation at the Alipore Court raising questions on whether Mr. Mishra, the main accused and a self-proclaimed practising lawyer, had declared his "criminal past" and job appointment at the law college to the Bar.

Criminal laws biggest reform since Independence, says Home Minister

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI



Amit Shah

Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Tuesday said that the three criminal laws have enough checks and balances ensuring that police officers will be caught if there is any dereliction on their part in investigating a criminal case.

Mr. Shah said that whenever the three laws are analysed, they would come to be regarded as the biggest reform since Independence as there can be no greater reform than making the justice system – which protects the rights of the people – transparent, citizen-centric, and time-bound.

Mr. Shah addressed the programme "A golden year of trust in the justice system" in New Delhi to mark the successful completion of one year of the new criminal laws. Lieutenant-Governor of Delhi V.K. Saxena, Chief Minister Rekha Gupta, Union Home Secretary Govind Mohan, and Intelligence Bureau Director Tapan Kumar Deka were present.

The Home Minister said the new laws included several technology-based provisions which, once implemented, will leave no opportunity for offenders to escape punishment by getting the benefit of the doubt. He said that after the new criminal justice system was fully implemented, the conviction rate in the country would improve significantly.

Mr. Shah stated that in the past one year, 14.8 lakh police personnel, 42,000 employees posted at jails, more than 19,000 judicial officers and more than 11,000 public prosecutors had been trained in implementing the new laws.

Notification of e-evidence and e-summons has been issued in 11 States and Union Territories, while Nyay Shruti has been notified in six States and Union Territories, and community service as punishment has been notified in 12 of them.

He said the laws imposed strict timelines on the three key pillars responsible for delivering justice to citizens – the police, prosecution, and judiciary.

The new laws will shift the mindset from "what will happen if I file an FIR" to a strong belief that "filing an FIR will lead to prompt justice", the Minister said.

From July 1, 2024, the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) replaced the Indian Penal Code, 1860; the Bharatiya Sakshya (BS) replaced the Indian Evidence Act, 1872; and the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS) replaced the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898.

X lawyer's remark on govt. official sparks row

Press Trust of India
BENGALURU

A lawyer for social media platform X told the Karnataka High Court on Tuesday that if every "Tom, Dick and Harry" government official is authorised to send content takedown notices then it would amount to misuse of official powers, remarks that drew strong condemnation from the Centre as well as the judge. The remarks were made when X Corp India informed the court that it had recently received a notice from the Railway Ministry seeking the removal of a video showing a woman driving a car on a railway track in Hyderabad.

During hearing of arguments in a related case, X Corp India questioned whether every government official had the authority to issue content takedown notices under the Information Technology(IT) Act.

Making his submissions, senior advocate K.G. Raghavan argued against what he termed as misuse of official powers. "What if every Tom, Dick and Harry officer sends me notices? See how this is being misused," he said.

Solicitor-General Tushar Mehta, appearing for the Centre, objected strongly to the language used, stating, "They are officers…They are statutory functionaries with legal authority. International entities should not display such arrogance".

Mr. Mehta emphasised that no social media platform should expect to operate without regulation, noting that intermediaries follow laws in other countries and should do the same in India.

CBI arrests 6, including 3 doctors, on graft charges

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Central Bureau of Investigation has arrested six persons, including three doctors, linked to Shri Rawatpura Sarkar Institue Medical Sciences in Chhattisgarh, for allegedly facilitating the submission of favourable inspection reports of medical colleges in exchange for bribes.

APPEAL

Baby Aynul Ariba is 3 years old suffering from "B Cell Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia". She is advised to undergo Chemotherapy and Radiation at **Meenakshi Mission Hospital & Research** Centre, Madurai. The total expenditure is Rs.8,00,000/-. She is from a very poor family and cannot afford this huge cost. Please help her to undergo the treatment. Donations sent by Ch/D.D. favouring **Meenakshi Mission Hospital & Research Centre, Madurai will be acknowledged.** The donations sent through Ch/D.D/M.O/NEFT Transfer & Google Pay (Canara Bank, Nungambakkam Branch, A/C.No: 60182010063310, IFSC No: CNRB0016018) favouring **WOMEN'S WELFARE SYNDICATE** is exempted under 80G IT. Your e-mail ID is requested.

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Opposition meeting with EC over Bihar SIR deferred

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Election Commission on Tuesday said that a meeting scheduled for Wednesday with Opposition parties on the special intensive revision (SIR) of electoral rolls in Bihar has been postponed as the parties did not confirm their participation.

EC sources said the commission had received an email on June 30 from a legal counsel of the Congress, seeking an urgent appointment with the EC for July 2 regarding SIR on behalf of many parties.

The sources said that he [the legal counsel] represented himself as counsel of a multi-party delegation.

The commission fixed 5 p.m. on July 2 for the meeting and sought confirmation from the parties.

Letters to parties

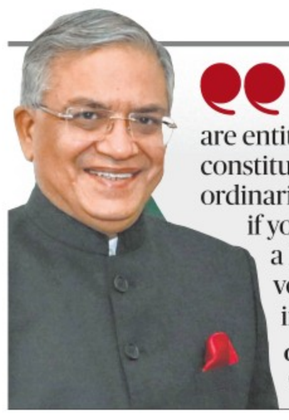
In separate letters sent to the parties such as the Congress, CPI(M-L), RJD, Trinamool Congress, JMM, Samajwadi Party and other INDIA bloc members, the EC confirmed the time and date, and asked for the name of the representative from the party.

However, the EC has not received any confirmation so far and thus the meeting on July 2 had to be deferred, the sources said.

Drive on to identify persons with multiple voter IDs: CEC

Person is entitled to vote only in constituency where he or she is ordinarily resident, he says at a meeting with booth-level officers; special intensive revision of electoral rolls is under way in Bihar

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI



> As per Representation of the People Act, you are entitled to vote only in the constituency where you are ordinarily resident. For example, if you reside in Delhi but own a house in Patna, your vote should be registered in Delhi, not in Patna
>
> **GYANESH KUMAR**
> Chief Election Commissioner

With the special intensive revision (SIR) of electoral rolls under way in Bihar, Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar on Tuesday said that a person was entitled to vote only in the Assembly constituency where he or she was ordinarily resident and not where that person owned a house.

Government officials have begun distributing enumeration forms to all registered voters in Bihar from Saturday. The SIR exercise began on June 25 with the printing of the forms and is scheduled to end on September 30 with the publication of the updated voter rolls.

Multiple voter cards

Addressing a group of booth-level officers here, the CEC said one of the key objectives of the drive is to identify "many persons" who have, knowingly or unknowingly, managed to retain multiple voter cards of different constituencies.

"As per the Representation of the People Act, you are entitled to vote only in the Assembly constituency where you are ordinarily resident. For example, if you ordinarily reside in Delhi but own a house in Patna, your vote should be registered in Delhi, not in Patna," he said.

Opposition parties have said that Bihar exercise could disenfranchise many genuine voters

Senior Election Commission (EC) officials pointed out that many persons are residents of one place and have got their voter card from that location while retaining their earlier card before migration, which was a criminal offence.

Opposition criticism

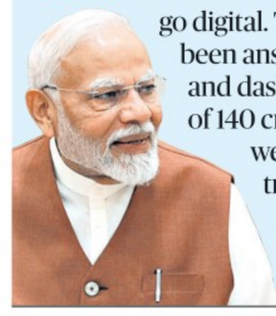
Opposition parties, though, have claimed that the SIR exercise could disenfranchise many genuine voters of their right.

Bihar has a total of 7,89,69,844 electors out of which the names of 4.96 crore are already present on the electoral rolls when the last SIR exercise was carried out in 2003. These electors have to verify by filling the enumeration forms and submitting them.

The EC has said the revision exercise would be later expanded to other States. The move assumes significance in the wake of a crackdown in various States on illegal foreign migrants, including from Bangladesh and Myanmar.

Digital India projects used technology to bridge gaps, cut out middlemen: Modi

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI



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> **NARENDRA MODI**
> Prime Minister

Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on Tuesday that Digital India projects had "used technology to eliminate the gap between the haves and the have-nots", instead of causing the digital divide to "deepen".

"While decades were spent doubting the ability of Indians to use technology, we changed this approach and trusted the ability of Indians to use technology," he said in a post on LinkedIn.

Mr. Modi made the post on the occasion of the 10th anniversary of the Digital India programme.

"In 2014, Internet penetration was limited, digital literacy was low, and online access to government services was scarce," Mr. Modi said. "Many doubted whether a country as vast and diverse as India could truly go digital. Today, that question has been answered not just in data and dashboards, but in the lives of 140 crore Indians. From how we govern, to how we learn, transact, and build, Digital India is everywhere," he said.

"Through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT), over ₹44 lakh crore has been transferred directly to citizens, cutting out middlemen and saving ₹3.48 lakh crore in leakages," Mr. Modi said.

"Schemes like SVAMITVA have issued 2.4 crore+ property cards and mapped 6.47 lakh villages, ending years of land-related uncertainty," the Prime Minister added.

With digital public infrastructure (DPI) projects such as Aadhaar, DigiLocker and FasTAG, the Prime Minister said, India is "moving from digital governance to global digital leadership". He was referring to initiatives such as the Global DPI Repository, managed by India for access to countries in the Global South.

NDA MPs walk out of House committee meeting over summoning Medha Patkar

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The panel, reviewing implementation of land acquisition law, was meeting officials, civil society experts

A meeting of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Rural Development was abruptly ended on Tuesday owing to "lack of quorum" after BJP MPs walked out objecting to summoning activist Medha Patkar to appear before it.

The MPs were meeting officials from the Rural Development, Environment, Forest and Climate Change, and Tribal Affairs Ministries, along with 10 experts from civil society, including actor Prakash Raj.

The committee, headed by Congress leader Saptagiri Ulaka, is reviewing the implementation of the Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013. The protests began soon after Mr. Ulaka read out the list of witnesses.

The NDA MPs described the activist, who led the Narmada Bachao Andolan in Gujarat and elsewhere, as "anti-national and anti-development", and said she should not be allowed to present her views.

A ruling party MP, sources said, even asked whether the panel would next be calling the Pakistan Prime Minister.

There were eight MPs from the NDA and seven from the Opposition. When Mr. Ulaka and other Opposition members were of the view that the meeting should be continued, and the witnesses present heard.

At this point, the NDA MPs staged a walkout. Even as the remaining members were deliberating on what to do next, the Speaker's office sent a message that since the panel did not have a quorum, the meeting should be ended.

Speaking to *The Hindu*, Mr. Ulaka said due procedure was followed and the list of witnesses was circulated in advance to all the members. If they had objections, they should have raised it before the meet. The Speaker's office too was informed. "It is unfortunate that NDA members did not want to even listen to them. Stalling such interactions can be grievous to democracy," he said.

Sanjeev Arora resigns from Rajya Sabha

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) leader Sanjeev Arora, who recently won the byelection to the Ludhiana West Assembly seat in Punjab, resigned from the Rajya Sabha on Tuesday. Mr. Arora met Vice-President Jagdeep Dhankhar and gave the resignation letter.

A statement from the Rajya Sabha said Mr. Dhankhar accepted the resignation of Mr. Arora with immediate effect, "finding the same in conformity with Article 101 3(b) of the Constitution."

Rahul says GST is a brutal tool of economic injustice and corporate cronyism

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Rahul Gandhi

The Goods and Services Tax (GST) is a "brutal tool of economic injustice and corporate cronyism", Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi said on Tuesday. His remarks come on the eighth anniversary of the introduction of the GST.

He said India deserved a tax system that worked for all, not just the privileged few, so that every Indian, from the small shopkeeper to the farmer, could be a stakeholder in the nation's progress.

"Eight years on, the Modi government's GST is not a tax reform – it's a brutal tool of economic injustice and corporate cronyism. It was designed to punish the poor, crush MSMEs, undermine states, and benefit a few billionaire friends of the Prime Minister," he said in a post on X.

A 'Good and Simple Tax' was promised, he said, but what was implemented was a compliance nightmare and a five-slab tax regime that had been amended over 900 times. "Even caramel popcorn and cream buns are caught in its web of confusion," Mr. Gandhi said.

'Favours corporates'

This bureaucratic maze favours big corporates who can navigate its loopholes with armies of accountants, while the small shopkeepers, MSMEs, and ordinary traders drown in red tape, he said.

"MSMEs - India's largest job creators have suffered the most. Over 18 lakh enterprises have shut down since the roll-out of GST eight years ago. Citizens now pay GST on everything from tea to health insurance, while corporates enjoy over ₹1 lakh crore in tax breaks annually," he said. Petrol and diesel have been deliberately kept outside the GST framework, hurting farmers, transporters, and ordinary people, he said.

"GST dues are also weaponised to punish non-BJP ruled States – clear proof of the Modi government's anti-federal agenda," Mr. Gandhi alleged.

He said the GST was a visionary idea by the United Progressive Alliance (UPA), meant to unify India's markets and simplify taxation.

"But its promise has been betrayed by poor implementation, political bias, and bureaucratic overreach. A reformed GST must be people-first, business-friendly, and truly federal in spirit," Mr. Gandhi said.

RJD and allies are against Constitution, says BJP

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The BJP on Tuesday slammed Rashtriya Janata Dal leader Tejashwi Yadav and his allies for their "anti-backward, anti-Ambedkar, and anti-Constitution mindset".

BJP spokesperson Gaurav Bhatia said the priority of the RJD and its allies was to "implement provisions such as sharia, polygamy and halala and empowerment of only one religion".

Prime Minister Narendra Modi was implementing the policies and schemes of Jan Kalyan and Viksit Bharat , whereas Mr. Yadav was opposing it, he said. Terming RJD supremo Lalu Prasad and Mr. Yadav faces of "jungle raj", he said: "Even though elections have not yet been announced, their intentions are crystal clear: they are determined to pursue communal politics... their sole agenda is to polarise, create Hindu-Muslim divide and spread communalism."

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ऑयल एण्ड नेचुरल गैस कॉरपोरेशन लिमिटेड — Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited
Godavari Bhavan, Rajahmundry, Andhra Pradesh. Ph: 9435715569

INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI)

ONGC Rajahmundry Asset intends to hire Natural Gas Compression services with O&M at Nagayalanka GGS. EOI is sought from reputed service provider, who has the requisite technical experience and financial capabilities to provide the Natural Gas Compression services. For further details of EOI please refer to https://tenders.ongc.co.in. For any queries mail to vairaprakasam_k@ongc.co.in.

KERALA STATE ELECTRICITY BOARD LIMITED - TENDER NOTICE

Office of the Chief Engineer (Commercial & Tariff), Vydyuthi Bhavanam, Thiruvananthapuram

Inviting Short term tender for the procurement of power during peak hours of 19.00 Hrs to 24.00 Hrs for the month August 2025.
DEEP portal reference no - **KSEBL/Short/25-26/ET/50 dtd 30.06.2025**
Submission of RfP (online digitally signed non financial technical Bid and IPOs) – **10.07.2025 02.00 pm**
For more details visit **www.kseb.in**
Ref : PR/MC1/F358/2025

OFFICE OF THE ADDL.CHIEF ENGINEER P.W.D. ZONE TONK

क्रमांक :181-190 दिनांक : 20.02.2025

Notice Inviting Bid (Amendment :-02) 06/2025-26

Bids for Nit No 06/2025-26, 02 Nos. Amendment in the Standard request for Proposal (RFP) Corrigendum 02 have been made in the NIT: The Financial Bid Due Date (RFP Clause 2.11.1/n, Page-32) and Bid Due Date (RFP Clause 2.12, Page-34) are revised to **03-07-2025, 18:00 Hrs IST**. The Bid Security is amended from 2% Rs. 2,23,26,000 to 1% Rs.1,11,63,000. The Tender Opening Date is now **04-07-2025, 15:00 Hrs IST**. Road/Bridge Work "Construction of a high-level bridge with an Extra-dosed PSC box/ Cable Stay/ Balance Cantilever bridge across Banas River of road connecting Deoli to Jaipur via Bisalpur and Todaraisingh District Tonk in the state of Rajasthan on EPC Basis are invited from interested bidders upto Date **03.07.2025**, 06.00 P.M. Other particulars of the bid may be visited on the procurement portal (http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in, http://sppp.raj.nic.in) of the state. and - departmental website. The approximate value of the procurement is Rs.111.63 Lacs

(Premraj Meena)
Addl. Chief Engineer
PWD, Zone Tonk
DIPR/C/8802/2025

JODHPUR VIDYUT VITARAN NIGAM LIMITED
(MATERIAL MANAGEMENT & CONTRACT WING) NEW POWER HOUSE, INDUSTRIAL AREA, JODHPUR-342003 PHONE: (0291) 2742223, FAX: (0291) 2746539

E-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTICE

E-Procurement Tenders are invited for purchase of 11/0.433, 160 KVA , Energy Efficiency Level-1 (Star 1-Rating), Three Phase Aluminium Wound Distribution Transformers TN-2071 (UBN JVV2526GLOB00281), 315 KVA, 11/0.433 KV Star-1, Energy Efficiency Level-I, 3 Phase Copper wound (CRGO / Amorphous Core), Distribution Transformer under TN-2072 (UBN JVV2526GLOB00280) & Three Phase LT AB Cable of Size 3Cx25+25 Sq. MM and 3Cx50+35 Sq. MM under TN-2073 (UBN JVV2526GLOB00279).

Details regarding Quantity, Tender cost, Earnest Money, Schedule date of tender opening for aforesaid tenders are available on our website at **www.energy.rajasthan.gov.in/jdvvnl** and also at **http://sppp.rajasthan.gov.in.**
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क्रमांक : 4058 दिनांक : 13.06.2025

निविदा सूचना संख्या - 9/ 2025-26
NIB No. PWD2526A1336

राजस्थान के राज्यपाल महोदय की ओर से **जिला जालोर में केन्द्रीय सड़क इन्फास्ट्रक्चर निधि योजना (CRIF) के अन्तर्गत ROB का निर्माण कार्य दस साल की मरम्मत के लिए ई.पी.सी. मोड पर 1 कार्य** उपयुक्त श्रेणी में सार्वजनिक निर्माण विभाग राजस्थान में पंजीकृत संवेदकों एवं राज्य सरकार/ केन्द्र सरकार के अधिकृत संगठनों/ केन्द्रीय लोक निर्माण विभाग/ डाक एवं दूर संचार विभाग/ रेल्वे इत्यादि में पंजीकृत संवेदकों, जो कि राजस्थान सरकार के एए श्रेणी के संवेदकों के समकक्ष हो, से निर्धारित प्रपत्र में ई-प्रोक्यूरमेन्ट प्रक्रिया से ऑनलाईन निविदायें आमंत्रित की जाती हैं। निविदा से सम्बन्धित विवरण वेबसाईट http://dipr.rajasthan.gov.in व http://pwd.rajasthan.gov.in http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in पर देखा जा सकता है। यू.बी.एन संख्या निम्नानुसार है:-

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सा.नि.वि. संभाग प्रथम, जोधपुर
DIPR/C/8231/25

कार्यालय अधीक्षण अभियन्ता, सार्वजनिक निर्माण विभाग, वृत बालोतरा

क्रमांक : 272 दिनांक : 12.06.2025

निविदा सूचना संख्या : 02 वर्ष 2025-2026

राजस्थान के राज्यपाल महोदय की ओर से **सा.नि.वि. में बजट घोषणा वर्ष 2025-26 में स्वीकृत सड़क निर्माण कार्यों हेतु उपयुक्त श्रेणी में सार्वजनिक** निर्माण विभाग राजस्थान में पंजीकृत संवेदकों एवं राज्य सरकार/ केन्द्र सरकार के अधिकृत संगठनों/ केन्द्रीय लोक निर्माण विभाग/ डाक एवं दूर संचार विभाग/ रेल्वे इत्यादि में पंजीकृत संवेदकों, जो कि राजस्थान सरकार के उपयुक्त श्रेणी के संवेदकों के समकक्ष हो, से निर्धारित प्रपत्र में कुल 18 कार्य जिनकी लागत **राशि रू. 4236.00 लाख** है के लिए ईटेण्डरिंग प्रक्रिया हेतु ऑनलाईन निविदायें आमंत्रित की जाती है।

ऑनलाईन निविदा आवेदन डाउनलोड एवं अपलोड करने की तारीख	17 जून 2025 प्रातः 9:30 बजे से 07 जुलाई 2025, सायं 06:00 बजे तक

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(अमृतलाल देवपाल) अधीक्षण अभियन्ता,
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DIPR/C/8259/25

CENTRAL ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION
6th, 7th, & 8th Floor, Tower-B, World Trade Centre, Nauroji Nagar, New Delhi-110029
Petition No. 466/TL/2025 Dated: 30.6.2025

NOTICE UNDER CLAUSE (a) OF SUB-SECTION (5) OF SECTION 15 OF THE ELECTRICITY ACT, 2003

An application under Sections 14 and 15 of the Electricity Act, 2003 (the Act) has been made by **Rajasthan V Power Transmission Limited,** B-9, Qutab Institutional Area, Katwaria Sarai, New Delhi 110016 to establish "Transmission system for evacuation of power from Rajasthan REZ Ph-V (Part-1: 4 GW) [Sirohi/Nagaur] Complex" (hereinafter referred to as "the Project") on a Build, Own, Operate and Transfer basis consisting of the following elements:

Sl. No.	Name of the Transmission Element	Scheduled COD in months from Effective Date
	1. Transmission system for immediate Evacuation of Power from Sirohi S/s (2 GW)	
1.	4x500 MVA, 400/220 kV ICTs at Sirohi S/s along with transformer bays • 400/220 kV 500 MVA ICTs- 4 Nos. • 400 kV ICT bays-4 Nos. • 220 kV ICT bays- 4 Nos.	24 months (24.3.2027)
2.	5 Nos. 220 kV line bays at Sirohi S/s for RE interconnection • 220 kV line bays - 5 Nos.	
3.	220 kV Sectionalizer bay (1 set) along with 220 kV BC (2 Nos.) bay and 220 kV TBC (2 Nos.) bay at Sirohi S/s • 220 kV Sectionalizer bay (1 set) • 220 kV BC (2 Nos.) bay and 220 kV TBC (2 Nos) bay	
4.	1 No. 400 kV line bays at Sirohi S/s for RE interconnection • 400 kV line bay – 1 No.	24 months (24.3.2027)
	2. Transmission System for Common Evacuation of Power from Sirohi PS (2 GW) and Merta-II PS (2 GW)	
5.	Sirohi – Mandsaur PS 765 kV D/C line along with 240 MVAr switchable line reactor at Sirohi end and 330 MVAr switchable line reactor at Mandsaur PS end for each circuit of Sirohi – Mandsaur PS 765 kV D/C line • 765 kV line bays at Sirohi S/s – 2 Nos. • 765 kV line bays at Mandsaur PS – 2 Nos. • 765 kV, 240 MVAr switchable line reactors at Sirohi S/s end– 2 Nos. • 765 kV, 330 MVAr switchable line reactors at Mandsaur PS end– 2 Nos. • Switching equipment for 765 kV, 240 MVAr switchable line reactors at Sirohi S/s end – 2 Nos. • Switching equipment for 765 kV, 330 MVAr switchable line reactors at Mandsaur PS end – 2 Nos.	24 months (24.3.2027)
6.	Mandsaur PS – Khandwa (New) 765 kV D/C line along with 240 MVAr switchable line reactor for each circuit at each end of Mandsaur PS – Khandwa (New) 765 kV D/C line • 765 kV line bays at Mandsaur PS – 2 Nos. • 765 kV line bays at Khandwa (New) – 2 Nos. • 765 kV, 240 MVAr switchable line reactors at Mandsaur PS end– 2 Nos. • 765 kV, 240 MVAr switchable line reactors at Khandwa (New) end– 2 Nos. • Switching equipment for 765 kV, 240 MVAr switchable line reactors at Mandsaur PS end – 2 Nos. • Switching equipment for 765 kV, 240 MVAr switchable line reactors at Khandwa (New) end – 2 Nos.	

Note: • Developer of Sirohi S/s shall provide space for 2 Nos. of 765 kV line bays, 400/220 kV ICTs and associated bays, 220 kV line bays. 220 kV Sectionalizer bay along with 220 kV BC bay and 220 kV TBC bay, switchable line reactors (along with switching equipment) at Sirohi S/s as per the scope.

• Developer of Mandsaur PS shall provide space for 4 Nos. of 765 kV line bays, switchable line reactors (along with switching equipment) at Mandsaur PS.

• M/s Sterlite shall provide space for 2 Nos. of 765 kV line bays, switchable line reactor (along with switching equipment) at Khandwa S/s.

2. The Central Transmission Utility of India Limited, vide its letter dated 11.4.2025, has recommended for the grant of a transmission licence to the applicant to establish the proposed transmission system.

3. Based on the material available on the record, the Commission vide order dated 28.6.2025 in Petition No. 466/TL/2025, has proposed to issue a transmission licence to the applicant for establishment of the transmission scheme as noted in para 1 above.

4. A copy of the application, along with its annexures and enclosures, made by the applicant for the grant of an inter-State transmission licence to **Rajasthan V Power Transmission Limited** before the Commission can be accessed at the **www.powergrid.in/subsidiaries** or inspected by any person in the Commission's office by following the laid down procedure.

5. Notice is hereby given in pursuance of clause (a) of sub-section (5) of Section 15 of the Act that suggestions or objections, if any, to the Commission's proposal to grant a transmission licence to the applicant, as aforesaid, be sent to the undersigned by **12.7.2025** at the above noted address. The suggestions or objections received after the specified date shall not be considered.

6. The application shall be taken up for the further hearing by the Commission on **15.7.2025.** Any person who files suggestions or objections may in his/her discretion attend the hearing, for which no TA/DA shall be paid by the Commission.

Sd/-
(Harpreet Singh Pruthi)
Secretary

INBRIEF

Indo-French Army exercise 'Shakti 2025' concludes

The eighth edition of the Indo-French Army exercise, 'Shakti 2025', that started on June 18 concluded in France on Tuesday. The French Embassy in New Delhi said that the exercise involved more than 500 legionnaires and military personnel from various units of the French Army, the Foreign Legion, the French Air and Space Force, and the French Navy. The Indian contingent of 90 personnel comprised a battalion of the Jammu and Kashmir Rifles, besides personnel from other services. Exercise Shakti was a vital opportunity for Indian and French military personnel to boost joint operational preparedness, the statement said.

NCB busts top darknet-based drug vendor, seizes drugs

The Narcotics Control Bureau has busted a top darknet-based drug vendor named 'Ketamelon', which had been operating for the past two years. The vendor had established a wide network for shipping lysergic acid diethylamide (LSD) to major cities such as Bengaluru, Chennai, Bhopal, Patna, and Delhi, and in Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand. The agency suspects that over the past 14 months, 600 shipments were delivered by the vendor. "This high-impact operation, codenamed 'Melon', was led by the NCB Cochin zonal unit and culminated in the seizure of large quantities of LSD (1,127 LSD blots) and ketamine (131.66 g) as well as digital assets worth ₹70 lakh," the agency said.

'Digital copy of certified adoption orders valid'

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

The Central Adoption Resource Authority (CARA) has clarified that adoptive parents do not need hard copies of adoption orders as digitally certified versions sent via e-mail are legally valid and sufficient under the current rules.

In a letter issued to all States, Union Territories, specialised adoption agencies, and District Child Protection Units (DCPUs), CARA addressed the confusion surrounding Regulation 13(8) of the Adoption Regulations, 2022, which outlines the procedure for delivering adoption orders.

The clarification comes amid reports that some adoption agencies and protection units were uncertain about the validity of e-mailed orders.

The regulation mandates that a certified copy of the adoption order – authenticated by the office of the District Magistrate – must be obtained by the SAA through the DCPU. This copy must then be sent to the adoptive parents via e-mail within 10 days and uploaded to the designated portal.

CARA said "certified copy" refers to a digitally authenticated version.

Navy inducts second indigenous stealth frigate in record time

Delivered in 37 months, *INS Udaygiri* represents a 'quantum leap' in the Indian Navy's in-house design capabilities, says the Defence Ministry

Saurabh Trivedi
NEW DELHI

Showcasing the country's growing military manufacturing capabilities and enhancing its naval power, *INS Udaygiri* – the second ship of Project 17A's stealth frigates – was delivered to the Indian Navy on Tuesday, according to a Defence Ministry statement.

The project is a successor of the Shivalik class frigates of Project 17 (P-17) that are now in active service. *Udaygiri* is the second among the seven Project 17A (P-17A) frigates under construction at Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Ltd. (MDSL) in Mumbai, and Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers in Kolkata.

These multi-mission frigates are capable of operating in a 'blue water' environment – referring to the open ocean – dealing with both conventional and non-conventional threats in the area of India's maritime interests, the Ministry said, adding that the remaining five ships will be delivered progressively by the end of 2026.

Udaygiri, the second ship of Project 17A stealth frigate, was delivered to the Indian Navy on Tuesday. PTI

"*Udaygiri* has been delivered to the Indian Navy in a record time of 37 months from the date of launching," the Ministry statement said. "It is a modern avatar of its predecessor, the erstwhile *INS Udaygiri*, which was a steam ship, decommissioned on August 24, 2007 after rendering 31 years of service to the nation."

'Quantum leap'

P-17A ships have enhanced stealth features and are fitted with an advanced, state-of-the-art weapon and sensor suite, a significant upgrade from the P-17 class, the Ministry said. "The ships represent a quantum leap in the Indian Navy's in-house design capabilities at the Warship Design Bureau," the statement added.

The weapons suite comprises a supersonic surface-to-surface missile system, a medium-range surface-to-air missile system, a 76 mm gun, and a combination of 30 mm and 12.7 mm rapid-fire close-in weapon systems, according to the Ministry.

INS Tamal, last of foreign-built Navy ship, commissioned

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Indian Navy on Tuesday commissioned *INS Tamal* (F71), a multi-role stealth, guided missile frigate, at the Yantar Shipyard in Kaliningrad, Russia.

Tamal is the last foreign-built major warship to be inducted into the Indian Navy, in line with the government's emphasis on indigenisation under the Aatmanirbhar Bharat and Make in India initiatives.

The ship is eighth in the series of Project 1135.6 (also known as the Talwar class) and the second of the follow-on Tushil-class frigates. All seven previous ships of the class are part of the Navy's Western Fleet under the Western Naval Command.

The warship is commanded by Captain Sridhar Tata, a specialist in gunnery and missile warfare.

Mikhaeil Babich, Deputy Director-General of the Federal Service for Military Technical Cooperation of the Russian Federation, highlighted the long-standing maritime cooperation between the two nations.

Vice-Admiral R. Swaminathan, Controller of Warship Production & Acquisition, noted that *Tamal* symbolised the depth of Indo-Russian defence partnership. "The Indo-Russian strategic partnership has stood the test of time, with Tamal being the 51st ship produced under this collaboration over the past 65 years," he said.

Indian Navy personnel during the commissioning ceremony of *Tamal*. PTI

Vice Admiral Sanjay Jasjit Singh, the chief guest at the ceremony, said that the commissioning of *Tamal* marked a key milestone in India's maritime defence capability and bilateral ties with Russia.

Designed for blue-water operations, *Tamal* is capable of engaging threats across all four dimensions of naval warfare – air, surface, sub-surface, and electronic. It is equipped with dual-role BrahMos supersonic cruise missiles, among other weapons.

Railways launches RailOne app to ease ticket booking, travel services

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Union Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw on Tuesday launched a new app, RailOne, in New Delhi.

The app has been conceived by the Railways' public sector undertaking (PSU), the Centre for Railway Information Systems (CRIS). RailOne is focused on improving the passenger interface with the Railways, officials said.

"It is a comprehensive, all-in-one application with a user-friendly interface. The app is available for download on Android Play Store and iOS App Store," a Railways spokesperson said.

The RailOne app integrates all passenger services, including a 3% discount on unreserved tickets and platform tickets, live train tracking, grievance redressal, e-catering, porter booking, and last-mile taxi services.

Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw during the launch of the RailOne app at the India Habitat Centre in New Delhi on Tuesday. PIB

"Reserved tickets will continue to be offered on IRCTC (the Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation, the PSU providing ticketing, catering, and tourism services for the Railways). The RailOne app has also been authorised by the IRCTC, just like many other commercial apps that have partnered with the IRCTC," the spokesperson added.

The RailOne app features a single sign-on with login via mPIN or biometrics. The app also supports existing RailConnect and UTS credentials. UTS is the Indian Railways' mobile ticketing application, which allows daily train travellers to book unreserved tickets.

RailOne saves space on devices as there is no need to install multiple apps, officials said.

Urging CRIS to focus on further strengthening the digital core of the Indian Railways, Mr. Vaishnaw also commended the CRIS team for the progress made on upgrading the existing passenger reservation system (PRS).

"The modern PRS will be agile, multilingual, and scalable to handle 10 times the current load. It will be capable of 1.5 lakh ticket bookings and 40 lakh enquiries per minute," the spokesperson said.

India reserves right to deter terror attacks, Rajnath tells Hegseth; thanks U.S. for help

Saurabh Trivedi
NEW DELHI

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Tuesday thanked U.S. Secretary of Defense Pete Hegseth for the U.S. support during Operation Sindoor and told him that India reserved the right to pre-empt and deter cross-border terror attacks and defend itself.

Mr. Singh said India's actions during the operation were measured, non-escalatory, proportionate and focused on disabling terrorist infrastructure.

It was the first time the two leaders spoke after Operation Sindoor. It was their third telephonic conversation since January this year, when Mr. Hegseth assumed office. They spoke last just after the Pahalgam attack on April 22.

Rajnath Singh

Sources said the two leaders had a 20-minute conversation during which Mr. Hegseth invited Mr. Singh to the U.S. for an in-person meeting to take the bilateral defence partnership forward.

The Defence Minister sought the timely delivery of the U.S.-made General Electric engines for the Tejas light combat-Mk1A aircraft, being manufactured by Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd. He also spoke on setting up a production unit for jet engines in India.

Mr. Hegseth said he would ensure the timely delivery of the jet engines, adding that the production unit will be set up within a timeframe.

"The two leaders discussed a wide canvas of issues ranging from long-term cooperation in the defence sector," the Ministry of Defence said in a statement.

Mr. Singh appreciated the unwavering support extended by the U.S. to India in its fight against terrorism, the statement said. He also complimented the Secretary of Defense for his dynamic leadership, which has propelled defence cooperation between the U.S. and India to new levels.

Rain batters Himachal, claims five more lives

The Hindu Bureau
CHANDIGARH

Torrential rain has claimed five lives in Himachal Pradesh. The State continues to be battered by cloudbursts, flash floods, and landslides, which have disrupted normal life over the past 24 hours.

As many as 16 incidents of cloudburst, three flash floods, and one major landslide have occurred across the State.

Five people were killed, and five others sustained injuries.

At least 16 people are missing in Mandi district alone, which has been among the worst-hit, according to a government report.

At least 17 people have died in Himachal Pradesh since June 20 in rain-related incidents.

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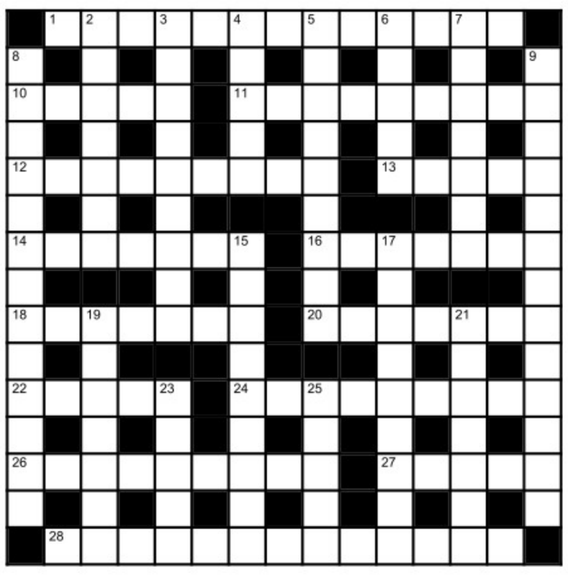

Across

1 Stray cattle interrupt Indian game - it's in Chennai (7,6)
10 Expert on conservative framework (5)
11 Special separator for, say, Placido Domingo (5,4)
12 Uncompromising one - cleans it out (9)
13 Part of outdoor pineapple plant (5)
14 Anger building within - loves the plant (7)
16 Provokes Finnachio - regularly faces defeat (7)
18 Pick an artist - a tragic character (7)
20 Country garden - oddly none in Spain (7)
22 Wealth American invested in public convenience (5)
24 New Englander on Trump's shopping list (9)
26 Puts up with later changes in digits (9)
27 Bury where the ashes are kept (5)
28 It's cooling off around the border - he knows how crooks operate (13)

Down

2 Scholarship - expert has made mistake (7)
3 Dismantle or participate around first of April (4,5)
4 Power threat using day time switch... (5)
5 ...for every one inland violating the law (9)
6 Kids can show all of them in the middle of the state (5)
7 Run down with round head ingot (2,2,3)
8 Sea urchins do come up amidst the American wreckage (13)
9 With impressive stature, playing to the gallery (13)
15 Great ape gets most of the fruit and a groundnut (9)
17 Can single appliance lead to thorough washing? (9)
19 Upcoming report includes Indian online shop (1-6)
21 Danger signals as in framing painting from bottom to top (7)
23 Credit in total leads to a scuffle (5)
25 Rest left to stand (5)

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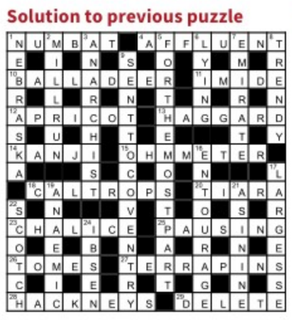

Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

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7	8	5	4	9	1	3	6	2
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FAITH

Maricha's warning

Ravana tells Maricha that he plans to abduct Sita, and Maricha points out to him how dangerous his decision is, said Navalpakkam Vasudevachariar in a discourse. Maricha says it is easy to be surrounded by those who say what makes us happy. But it is hard to find people who tell us the truth and tell us what is good for us. Their advice may not be pleasing to us. But their aim is to ensure our happiness in the long run, not to get some rewards through flattery. Ravana has failed to seek the advice of those who have his welfare in mind. Maricha then tells Ravana that his decision will harm all the demons of the world.

Has Sita taken birth just to annihilate all asuras? If Ravana abducts Sita, then Lanka will be doomed. Rulers who are self-centred, who pay no heed to wise counsel and whose motives are evil, will ruin themselves and their subjects, warns Maricha. Rama has admirable qualities. He is noble and upright and has mercy towards all. When Kaikeyi wanted him to leave the kingdom, He did not hesitate. He gave up the comforts of the palace and moved to the forest.

Maricha tells Ravana that he should not speak ill of Rama. Sita is protected by Rama. How then can Ravana hope to carry Her off? Rama will be like a raging fire on the battlefield. Ravana will never be able to defeat Rama. Rama and Sita can never be separated. Together, they glow with an indescribable brilliance.

Even if Rama were to glance at Ravana, that very glance has the power to kill Ravana, says Maricha. Maricha advises Ravana to seek the advice and guidance of his ministers, and of his brother Vibheeshana.

INBRIEF

SEBI appoints Sunil Jayawant Kadam as Executive Director

Sunil Jayawant Kadam has been appointed as the Executive Director of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI), the regulator said in a statement. He will be in-charge of the Information Technology Department (ITD), Office of Investor Assistance and Education (OIAE), Department of Economic and Policy Analysis (DEPA), General Services Department (GSD), Board Cell, RTI & PQ Cell, and matters related to National Institute of Securities Markets.

Auto parts maker Hero Motors files for $140-mn IPO

Indian auto parts maker Hero Motors has filed for an initial public offering of up to ₹12 billion ($140.1 million), draft papers showed on Tuesday. The company will issue fresh shares worth up to ₹8 billion while its existing shareholders will sell shares worth up to ₹4 billion, the draft prospectus showed. Proceeds from the IPO will be used to trim debt and fund purchase of equipment to expand its facility in India's Uttar Pradesh state, Hero Motors said. REUTERS

Kesavan Ramachandran is new RBI executive director

The Reserve Bank of India has appointed Kesavan Ramachandran as the Executive Director with effect from July 1, 2025, according to a statement. Mr. Ramachandran will now head the Department of Regulation (Prudential Regulation Division). He was serving as Principal Chief General Manager in the Risk Monitoring Department and had served RBI for over three decades. He also served on the Board of Canara Bank for five years and one of the boards of ICAI.

Cabinet okays ₹1 lakh crore scheme to incentivise private sector in R&D

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Union Cabinet on Tuesday approved a ₹1-lakh crore Research Development and Innovation (RDI) scheme that aims to incentivise the private sector to invest in basic research that would translate into innovative products and technologies.

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman first announced the creation of such a fund in her interim Budget speech of 2024.

A horizon for the fund has not been specified. However, the Ministry of Science and Technology, which is to be administratively in charge of the corpus, had an additional ₹20,000 crore allotment in its Budgetary allocation for the 2025-26 financial year, officials had told *The Hindu* earlier this year.

The larger aim is to have India, like advanced technological countries, have private sector chip in more than government to fund basic research.

Funds, however, would be provided only for products that had reached a certain level of development and market potential. "TRL-4 [Technological Readiness Level -4] projects, which usually face the highest risk for want of financial support would be considered," Minister for IT Ashwini Vaishnaw said during a Union Cabinet press briefing.

Maruti, Hyundai report double-digit fall in June sales

Mahindra & Mahindra saw increase in dispatches to dealers last month, while Tata Motors witnessed a dip compared with June last year; Sharp decline in smaller segment cars: MSIL

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

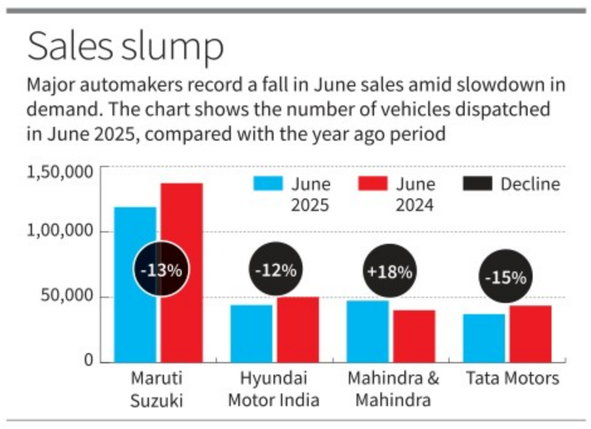
Automakers Maruti Suzuki and Hyundai Motor India reported a double-digit drop in vehicle dispatches in June amid a demand slowdown in domestic market.

Maruti Suzuki said its total domestic passenger vehicle (PV) dispatches to dealers dipped 13% to 1,18,906 units last month compared with 1,37,160 units in the year earlier.

"The slowdown in PV sales is largely due to a sharp decline in the smaller segment cars," MSI senior executive officer Rahul Bharti said.

Hyundai Motor India said its dispatches to dealers in the domestic market declined 12% to 44,024 units in June compared with 50,103 units in the year earlier. "In the domestic market, the geopolitical situation continued to affect the market sentiment," Tarun Garg, whole-time director and COO, HMIL, said in a statement.

Mahindra & Mahindra reported an 18% increase in sales of utility vehicles to 47,306 units in the domestic market last month against 40,022 units a year ago. Tata Motors said its PV sales, including EVs, in the domestic market, were down 15% to 37,083 units compared with 43,524 units in the year-ago month.



'Manufacturing rises to 14-month high on buoyant export orders'

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The performance in June was well above the Index's long-run average of 54.1

Manufacturing activity rose to a 14-month high in June 2025 on the back of strong export orders, according to a private sector survey.

The HSBC India Manufacturing Purchasing Managers' Index rose to 58.4 in June, up from 57.6 in May.

The performance in June was the highest since April 2024 and well above the Index's long-run average of 54.1.

"The manufacturing sector experienced a strong end to the first fiscal quarter, marked by improved trends in output and new orders, alongside a record upturn in employment," the report said.

"Companies also welcomed one of the fastest increases in external orders in the over 20 years of survey history."

'MDB lending must ensure funds are used for intended purposes'

T.C.A. Sharad Raghavan
NEW DELHI

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Tuesday said that multilateral development bank (MDB) lending must also incorporate monitoring mechanisms to make sure their funds are used as intended.

Nirmala Sitharaman

Ms. Sitharaman's comment was part of her statement at the 4th International Conference on Financing for Development in Seville, Spain. This comes soon after India lobbied both the IMF and Asian Development Bank to review their funding of Pakistan, as such loans were allegedly channelled towards increased military expenditure rather than developmental purposes.

MARKETS

MARKET WATCH

	TUESDAY	% CHANGE
Sensex	83,697	0.11
US Dollar	85.59	0.19
Gold	98,670	1.23
Brent oil	67.12	-0.71

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	PRICE	CHANGE
Adani Enter	2621.80	2.40
Adani Ports	1447.00	-3.20
Apollo Hosp	7496.00	254.00
Asian Paints	2369.50	28.40
Axis Bank	1173.30	-25.90
Bajaj Auto	8399.00	23.00
Bajaj Finserv	2053.80	-2.20
Bajaj Finance	936.65	0.15
Bharat Elec	432.25	10.75
Bharti Airtel	2019.40	9.80
Cipla	1515.70	9.80
Coal India	389.75	-2.20
Dr Reddys Lab	1276.80	-6.50
Eicher Motors	5715.50	59.00
Eternal Ltd.	261.00	-3.15
Grasim Ind	2848.10	3.60
HCL Tech	1718.30	-10.30
HDFC Bank	2012.10	10.60
HDFC Life	809.90	-4.40
Hero MotoCorp	4226.00	-11.10
Hindalco	694.30	1.45
Hind Unilever	2295.50	0.90
ICICI Bank	1432.00	-13.80
IndusInd Bank	879.10	7.00
Infosys	1606.80	5.00
ITC	415.10	-1.35
Jio Financial Services Ltd.	329.60	2.85
JSW Steel	1029.60	9.10
Kotak Bank	2183.60	20.10
L&T	3666.70	-3.10
M&M	3176.10	-7.10
Maruti Suzuki	12442.00	42.00
NestleIndia	2410.10	-55.20
NTPC	332.60	-2.30
ONGC	243.37	-0.84
PowerGrid Corp	297.55	-2.35
Reliance Ind	1528.40	27.80
SBI Life	1862.50	24.20
State Bank	820.30	-0.05
Shriram Finance Ltd.	696.45	-10.40
Sun Pharma	1667.20	-8.50
TataConsumerProduct	1095.60	-3.30
Tata Motors	683.80	-4.20
Tata Steel	160.06	0.30
TCS	3429.70	-32.30
Tech Mahindra	1671.20	-15.80
Titan	3700.50	10.30
Trent Ltd.	6144.00	-73.50
UltraTech Cement	12210.00	117.00
Wipro	264.55	-1.43

EXCHANGE RATES

Indicative direct rates in rupees a unit except yen at 4 p.m. on July 01

CURRENCY	TT BUY	TT SELL
US Dollar	85.32	85.64
Euro	100.82	101.20
British Pound	117.42	117.87
Japanese Yen (100)	59.73	59.96
Chinese Yuan	11.91	11.96
Swiss Franc	108.18	108.58
Singapore Dollar	67.12	67.39
Canadian Dollar	62.70	62.95
Malaysian Ringitt	20.32	20.41
Australian Dollar	56.17	56.38

Source:Indian Bank

TAFE, AGCO reach $260 mn settlement

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

Tractors and Farm Equipment Ltd. (TAFE) and NYSE-listed AGCO Corporation said they reached a comprehensive settlement on brand rights, commercials and shareholding.

As per the settlement, the ownership of Massey Ferguson brand will rest with TAFE as the sole and exclusive owner for India, Nepal and Bhutan, including all rights, title and interest in 'Massey Ferguson' and related trademarks and goodwill.

TAFE has agreed to buy back AGCO's shares in TAFE which amounts to 20.7% of TAFE's equity for a consideration of $260 million thereby making TAFE a wholly owned subsidiary of the Amalgamations Group.

TAFE will buy back AGCO shares in TAFE for $260 million.

Besides, TAFE will retain shareholding in AGCO at an ownership level of 16.3%, while participating in AGCO's future buyback programmes to maintain proportionate ownership.

TAFE has agreed to support AGCO by voting in its favour all recommendations of AGCO's board of directors at shareholder meetings

'Indian 10-year bond yield to remain soft'

Ashokamithran T.
MUMBAI

Yield on India's benchmark 10-year bonds will stay soft in July, according to Bank of Baroda (BoB) Research.

"India's 10Y yield is expected to have a softening bias and likely to trade in the range of 6.25- 6.35% in the current month. The current degree of correction is on account of some expectation-driven pricing by traders led on anticipation that most of the front-loading of rate cuts by RBI had already happened. However, the current MPC minutes have been dovish, hinting at further space being available if we look in terms of neutral interest rates," wrote Dipanwita Mazumdar, economist at BoB Research, in a note.

Besides, the outflow of foreign investments on account of low interest rate differential between India and the U.S. may have also contributed to the "stiffening of yield," she wrote.

Domestic 10Y yield corrected in June after three consecutive months of fall, Ms. Mazumdar wrote .

"The paper traded between 6.25% and 6.37% in June compared with 6.24%-6.40% in the month before, with an increase in monthly volatility, despite RBI quickening the pace of rate cuts. Further, the change in stance to neutral sparked anticipation this might be data dependent. Further, some impact on 10Y yield was on account of higher outflow in FAR securities at $1.2 billion and in debt VRR at $0.7 billion in June," she added.

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PANCHAYATHRAJ ENGINEERING DIVISION
Ramanagara, Bangalore South Dist.

No.09/EE/PRED/RMG/JE/2025-26/453-462 Date: 27.06.2025

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION

(Only through E-PROCUREMENT system)

The Executive Engineer, Panchayathraj Engineering Division, Bangalore South Dist invites the Itemwise tender. Contractors registered in KPWD, enrolled in PRED/PWD Licence for the works under SDFM Head of Account,Tender amount **Rs.166.00 lakh**, Last Date for submission of Tender **Dated: 06-07-2025 by 4.00 PM**, Opening of the Tenchical Tender **Dated: 07-07-2025 at 4.30 PM.** Opening of the Financical Tender **Dated: 10-07-2025 at 4.30 PM.** onwards. For details & further information visit the website **www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in** or contact this office in office hours.

Sd/-
Executive Engineer
Panchayathraj Engineering Division

DIPR/BSD/205/SA/2025-26

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the following original property documents, belonging to my client **Mr. Byju Joseph** (residing at #301, Sebastian Arcade, HMT Main Road, Mathikere, Bangalore-560054), the absolute owner of the residential site No.9, Katha No.207, CMC Katha (old PID) No. 281, situated in Kammagondanahalli Village, Yeshwanthpura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore district, have been lost/misplaced:

(1) Sale deed Document **No.5015/1992-93 dated 1.11.1992 (2)** Sale deed Document **No.29311/2004-05 dated 5.10.2004 (3)** Gift deed Document **No.2566/2012-13 dated 21.06.2012**

Any person who may have found the said documents is requested to kindly return them to the undersigned advocate at the below mentioned address/phone number

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are informed that my client Sri.Suresh.V son of Govindhasamy has intent to purchase **Residential Plot No.15, E-Aasthi Katha No.8555290930,** Property No.2481/2325/15, formed in **Converted Sy. No.6/7,** (Converted from Agricultural purpose to Non- Agricultural Residential purpose, Vide Conversion Order No.BDS/ ALN(S)A:138/1994-95, Dated: 26/12/1994, issued by the Office of the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, Bangalore), **measuring East side 50 feet, West side 50 feet, North side 104.6 feet South side 107.6 feet, in all total measuring 5305 Sq.feet or 492.85 Sq.Mtr, Situated at KASAVANAHALLI Village,** Varthur Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk & District Ward No.150-Bellandur, and bounded on the:

East by : Private Property;
West by : Road;
North by : Site No.14;
South by : Site No.16;

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A Government of Bihar Undertaking
BSTDC

NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER
For

Tender for Selection of Developer(s) for grant of leasehold rights for lease period of 60 years plus 30 years for Development, Operations & Maintenance of 5-star category Hotel over following land parcel:
Approx. 3.24 acres land located at Bankipore Bus Stand Complex, Patna, Bihar

NIT. No:- 15/01/H&C/Esstt/25-26/2046/25

(Through e-procurement mode only – www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in)

1. On behalf of Department of Tourism, Government of Bihar, the Bihar State Tourism Development Corporation Ltd. (BSTDC) a nodal agency for executing tourism infrastructure projects in the state of Bihar, India, intends to select developer for grant of leasehold rights for lease period of 60 years plus 30 years for Development, Operations & Maintenance of 5-star category Hotel over the following land parcel:
   - Approx. 3.24 acres land located at Bankipore Bus Stand Complex, Patna, Bihar
2. Bihar State Tourism Development Infrastructure Ltd. (BSTDC Ltd.) invites e-bids from eligible experienced natural person, private entity, government-owned entity incorporated under the Indian Companies Act 1956 / Companies Act, 2013 or Applicable Laws of foreign countries or any combination of them, with a formal intent to enter into an agreement or under an existing agreement to form a Consortium, for grant of leasehold rights for lease period of 60 years plus 30 years for Development, Operations & Maintenance of 5-star category Hotel over above mentioned land parcel.

S. No	Particular	Bid processing Fees inclusive of GST (Non-refundable)	Bid Document Cost (Non-refundable)	Bid Security (EMD)	Lease Period
1	**Grant of leasehold rights for Development, Operations & Maintenance of 5-star category Hotel over a land parcel admeasuring approx. 3.24 acres land located at Bankipore Bus Stand Complex, Patna for lease period of 60 years plus 30 years.**	**Rs. 5,900**	**Rs. 10,000**	**3.50 Crore**	**60+30 Years**

Note: Lease period will be 60 years with option of auto renewal for additional 30 years

1. Place & Date of Pre-bid meeting (both online and in person attendance permitted): Date -15.07.2025 time 12.30 PM. : BSTDC office, Sikh Heritage, Bhavan, Daroga Rai Path, Patna- 800001
2. Date of downloading of bid document : From 09.07.2025 to 31.07.2025 up to 11.00 AM
   Last date and time for receipt of bids on eproc2. : Through website: www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in : Date -31.07.2025 Time 03:00 PM
3. Time and Date of opening of technical bids : Date -07.08.2025 Time 03:00 PM, through website: www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in
4. Time and Date of financial bids : To be Communicated later on
5. Bid Submission : Through website: www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in
6. Period of bids validity : 180 days
7. Officer inviting bids : Managing Director (BSTDC)
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(Managing Director)
BSTDC, Patna

Nasscom Talent Council to aid digital workforce

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Nasscom has formed a new Talent Council, a strategic industry-led initiative dedicated to building a future-ready, globally competitive digital workforce.

Nasscom said the council would bring together industry leaders to co-create a forward-looking talent blueprint and drive national strategy on deep tech skilling, reskilling and emerging technology competencies and convene cross-sector collaboration across industry, academia, and government.

NMDC June iron ore output up, sales dip

The Hindu Bureau
HYDERABAD

NMDC reported iron ore production in June increased nearly 6% to 3.57 million tonne (MT) from 3.37 MT year earlier, while sales at 3.58 MT (3.73 MT) were lower year on year.

For the quarter ended June, iron ore output rose more than 30% to 11.99 MT. Sales in first quarter were 14% higher at 11.51 MT, the company informed stock exchanges.

It was the highest-ever June month production since inception and the best-ever first quarter.

"We are steadily advancing towards our vision of achieving annual targets through a balanced approach," CMD Amitava Mukherjee said.

Amitava Mukherjee

Office in Dubai

NMDC said it opened an international office in Dubai as part of a strategy to boost its global presence.

U.S. FDA okays Lupin's ophthalmic pain gel

The Hindu Bureau
HYDERABAD

Generic drugmaker Lupin has received U.S. Food and Drug Administration (U.S. FDA) nod for its abbreviated new drug application for Loteprednol Etabonate Ophthalmic Gel, 0.38%

The product is bioequivalent to Lotemax SM Ophthalmic Gel of Bausch & Lomb Inc. It had estimated annual sales of $29 million in U.S., as per IQVIA MAT May 2025 data. A corticosteroid, it is indicated for treatment of post-operative inflammation and pain following ocular surgery.

LONDON

Being targeted for speaking about Gaza at Glastonbury: Bob Vylan

REUTERS

Rap-punk duo Bob Vylan rejected claims of anti-semitism over onstage comments at the Glastonbury Festival that triggered a police investigation and sparked criticism from politicians, the *BBC* and festival organisers. The band said in a statement that it was being "targeted for speaking up" about the war in Gaza. AP

ALGIERS

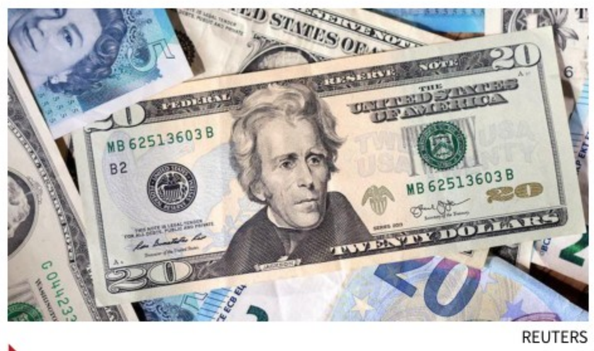
Algerian court upholds writer Sansal's five-year prison sentence

AFP

An Algerian court upheld a five-year jail term against dual-national author Boualem Sansal, whose case has strained ties with France. Sansal, 80, was first sentenced to five years behind bars on March 27 on charges related to undermining Algeria's territorial integrity over comments made to a French media outlet. AFP

WASHINGTON

U.S. Senate passes Trump's tax-cut, spending Bill, sending it to House



REUTERS

The Republican-controlled U.S. Senate passed Donald Trump's tax-and-spending Bill, approving a massive package that would enshrine many of his domestic priorities into law while adding $3.3 trillion to national debt. The Bill now heads back to the House of Representatives for final approval. REUTERS

ISLAMABAD

Pakistan assumes presidency of the UN Security Council for July

AFP

Pakistan assumed the Presidency of the UN Security Council for the month of July with a "sense of purpose, humility and conviction" to promote respect of law and multilateralism. The presidency of the Council is part of Pakistan's two-year term as a non-permanent member of the UNSC, which began in January 2025. PTI

Teen among two killed by Israeli Army in West Bank

Agence France-Presse
RAMALLAH

The Palestinian Health Ministry said on Tuesday that the Israeli Army killed two individuals, including a 15-year-old boy in separate incidents in the occupied West Bank.

"At dawn today, Tuesday, 15-year-old child Amjad Nassar Abu Awad was martyred by Israeli gunfire in the city of Ramallah," the ministry said in a statement.

"Also at dawn today, 24-year-old young man Samer Bassam Zagharneh was martyred by Israeli gunfire near the town of Dhahiriya" in the southern West Bank, the ministry added.

The Israeli military said it was "looking into" the two reported incidents.

Two Palestinian teenagers, aged 13 and 15, were killed last week in the West Bank towns of Al-Yamoun and Kafr Malik respectively.

At least 74 killed in Gaza by Israeli air strikes and gunfire

At least 30 killed in strike at seaside cafe in Gaza City — a gathering spot for residents seeking Internet and to charge their phones, and one of the few businesses still operating during the war

Associated Press
CAIRO

Israeli forces killed at least 74 people in Gaza on Monday with air strikes that left 30 dead at a seaside cafe and gunfire that left 23 dead as Palestinians tried to get desperately needed food aid, witnesses and health officials said.

One airstrike hit al-Baqa Cafe in Gaza City when it was crowded with women and children, said Ali Abu Ateila, who was inside.

"Without a warning, all of a sudden, a warplane hit the place, shaking it like an earthquake," he said.

Dozens were wounded, many critically, alongside at least 30 people killed, said Fares Awad, head of the Health Ministry's emergency and ambulance service in northern Gaza.

Two other strikes on a Gaza City street killed 15 persons, according to Shifa Hospital, which received the casualties. A strike on a building killed six persons near the town of Zawaida, according to al-Aqsa hospital.

Pain of loss: Mourners attend the funeral of members of a family killed in an Israeli bombardment in Deir al-Balah on Tuesday. AP

The cafe, one of the few businesses to continue operating during the 20-month war, was a gathering spot for residents seeking Internet access and a place to charge their phones. Videos circulating on social media showed bloodied and disfigured bodies on the ground and the wounded being carried away in blankets.

Meanwhile, Israeli forces killed 11 persons who had been seeking food in southern Gaza, according to witnesses, hospitals, and Gaza's Health Ministry.

Nasser Hospital in the southern city of Khan Younis said it received the bodies of people shot while returning from an aid site associated with the Israeli and U.S.-backed Gaza Humanitarian Fund. It was part of a deadly pattern that has killed more than 500 Palestinians around the chaotic and controversial aid distribution program over the past month.

The shootings happened around 3 km from the GHF site in Khan Younis, as Palestinians returned from the site along the only accessible route. Palestinians are often forced to travel long distances to access the GHF hubs in hopes of obtaining aid.

Welfare Bill passed in the U.K. with fissures in Labour party

Sriram Lakshman
LONDON

The Labour government of U.K. Prime Minister Keir Starmer faced a rebellion from within, with some of the party MPs opposing a watered-down welfare Bill in the House of Commons on Tuesday evening. The Bill, however, passed the Commons' second reading 335-260, suggesting that 44 Labour MPs voted for an amendment that would have effectively killed the Bill.

The current version of the Bill included concessions introduced by Mr. Starmer last week to avoid the prospect of at least 126 MPs voting against the government via a "reasoned amendment" designed to stop the Bill. However, the second such amendment, failed to go through (149 v 328 votes) on Tuesday evening.

At the heart of the concessions in the Universal Credit (UC) and Personal Independence Payment (PIP) Bill was an agreement to not change disability payments for those already receiving it but limiting future claims. The health-related segments of the UC would also not be frozen but rise along with inflation for existing benefit recipients.

Keir Starmer

Revised projections

The projections for the revised Bill reduce the number of those who will be pushed into poverty from the initial estimate of 2,50,000. However, 1,50,000 people were still projected to be pushed into poverty by 2030 as per the new economic modelling assumptions.The amount of savings for the exchequer had come down from £4.8 billion per year under the original Bill to £2 billion per year.

Early on in the debate on Tuesday afternoon, Labour MP Rebecca Long-Bailey said the concessions were welcome but would create a two-tier system, where the amount of support received being determined by when an applicant made a claim.

"The welfare system no longer works as it should," Opposition leader Kemi Badenoch said, adding the number of people getting on to welfare payments each day was not sustainable. However, she said the Conservative Party could not support the Bill, saying the Bill was "rushed".

A government statement said that montly PIP awards had more than doubled since the pandemic, increasing by 1,000 new claimants per day or the population of Leicester annually.

Bangladesh ex-PM denies crimes against humanity charges

Agence France-Presse
DHAKA

Bangladesh's fugitive former Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has denied accusations that she committed crimes against humanity, her state-appointed defence lawyer said on Tuesday.

Up to 1,400 people were killed between July and August last year, according to the United Nations, when Ms. Hasina's government ordered a crackdown on protesters in a failed bid to cling to power.

Prosecutors have filed five charges against Ms. Hasina – abetment, incitement, complicity, facilitation, conspiracy and failure to prevent mass murder – that amount to crimes against humanity under Bangladeshi law.

Sheikh Hasina

Defence lawyer Amir Hossain said Ms. Hasina has denied all charges.

The ousted leader's banned Awami League, in a statement issued in London, called it a "show trial" and said that the accused "categorically denies the charges".

Boy killed as militants strike in Balochistan

Associated Press
QUETTA

Dozens of militants armed with guns and rockets stormed a police station and set fire to two banks in restive southwestern Pakistan on Tuesday, killing a boy and wounding nine others before fleeing, officials said.

The boy died when the attackers fired on civilians indiscriminately during the attacks in Mastung, a district in Balochistan province, a local government administrator said. He said some of the insurgents were also killed in the shootout with security forces. A provincial official said a security operation had been launched to pursue the assailants.

Court suspends Thailand PM to investigate leaked phone call

Associated Press
BANGKOK

Thailand's Constitutional Court suspended Prime Minister Paetongtarn Shinawatra on Tuesday, pending an ethics investigation over accusations she was too deferential to a senior Cambodian leader when the two discussed a recent border dispute in a phone call that was leaked.

Ms. Paetongtarn has faced growing dissatisfaction over her handling of the dispute, which involved an armed confrontation on May 28 in which one Cambodian soldier was killed. In a call with Cambodian Senate President Hun Sen, she attempted to defuse tensions – but instead sparked public protests for being too fawning.

Paetongtarn Shinawatra

Ms. Paetongtarn's suspension raises the possibility of renewed instability in Thailand. At the root of this was concern from the conservative establishment, including the military, that the political dynasty initiated by Ms. Paetongtarn's father, the popular but divisive Thaksin Shinawatra, was becoming too powerful.

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GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER, BALANGIR (R&B) CIRCLE, BALANGIR
e-Procurement Notice - BID IDENTIFICATION No.CCE(R&B) BGR/08/2025-26
Letter No.1299 // Dtd.25.06.2025

The **Chief Engineer, Balangir (R&B) Circle, Balangir** on behalf of Governor of Odisha invites percentage rate bid in double cover system in **ONLINE MODE** for the construction of works detailed in the table below from **"A" & "Special" Class** Contractors registered with the State Governments and contractors of equivalent Grade / Class registered with Central Government/ MES/ Railways for execution of Civil works. The proof of registration from the appropriate authority shall be enclosed along with the bid.

1.	Nature of Work	: Building Work
2.	No. of tender	: Building Work - 2 Nos.
3.	Tender Cost	: Rs.10,000/-
4.	Class of Contractor	: "A" & "Special" Class
5.	Date & Time of sale & Receipt of Bids	: From Dt.08.07.2025, 05.00 P.M. to Dt.22.07.2025 up to 5.00 P.M.
6.	Date of Opening of Bid	: Dt.23.07.2025 at 11.00 A.M.

7. The Bidders have to participate in ONLINE bidding only. Further details can be seen from the website: http://tendersorissa.gov.in. All future corrigendum will be available on ONLINE MODE only.

Chief Construction Engineer, Balangir (R&B) Circle, Balangir.
B-253: OIPR-34131/11/0017/2526

By E_Mail/e-Despatch: E_Mail ID: serw_balasore@yahoo.in; Ph-No-06782/260318, Balia,Balasore
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER, RURAL WORKS CIRCLE, BALASORE
"e" - Procurement Notice for Road Work
Identification No.- Online Tender- Road N.C.B. No.14 for 2025-26
Letter No: - 2176 / Date. 25.06.2025

1. Name of the Work : SDMF Road
2. Total No. of Work : 06 Nos. of Work
3. Estimated Cost : As per Annexure
4. Eligible Class of Contractor : As per Annexure
5. Period of Completion : As per annexure
6. Other Details :-

Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No.	Availability of Tender On-line for bidding From	To	Last Date & Time of seeking Tender Clarification	Date & Time of Opening of Tender in O/O S.E., R.W.Circle, Balasore Technical Bid	Financial Bid
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Chief Construction Engineer, Rural Works Circle, Balasore.	NCB No.14 of 2025-26	03.07.2025 at 11.00 A.M.	17.07.2025 Up to 5.00 P.M.	16.07.2025 Up to 5.00 P.M.	18.07.2025 at 11.00 A.M.	Will be intimated later

● Further details can be seen from the website : www.tendersodisha.gov.in
Chief Construction Engineer, R.W.Circle, Balasore.
O-364: OIPR-25105/11/0060/2526

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No.KMSCL/ED/6/2025 Date : 01.07.2025
Re-TENDER NOTICE
Online bids are invited from manufacturers/loan licensees on behalf of Department of Health, Govt of Kerala for the procurement of Bleaching Powder for the year 2025-26.

Sl. No.	Tender No. and Date	Category	No. of Items
1.	KMSCL/ED/Bleaching Powder/RT/2025/015 dtd: 01.07.2025	Disinfectant and Chemicals	1

Schedule of dates

	Date	Time
Last date of online uploading of tenders	16.07.2025	05.00 pm. onwards
Date of technical bid opening	19.07.2025	11.00 am. onwards

Tenders shall be downloaded and submitted online through the e-tender portal www.etenders.kerala.gov.in.
(Sd/-) MANAGING DIRECTOR (Tender Inviting Authority)

Rajasthan State Beverages Corporation Limited
(A Government of Rajasthan Undertaking), 5th Floor, CoERRA Bhawan, Near Aranya Bhawan, Jaipur Pin-302004, (Ph. 0141-2744231, Fax – 0141-2744237, Email - ed.rsbcl@rajasthan.gov.in, CIN-U15511RJ2005SGC020336)
NIB No. :- 09 Dated :- 30/06/2025
NOTICE INVITING e-BIDs
e-Bids for Selection of Franchisee of RSBCL for Setting up and Operations of BIO Wholesale Vends in Rajasthan are invited from interested bidders upto 6.00 pm on 24/07/2025. Other particulars of the bid may be downloaded from the procurement portal **https://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in, https://sppp.rajasthan.gov.in** of the state and **https://excise.rajasthan.gov.in.** The approximate value of the procurement is Rs 1.5 Crore.
UBN No. BCL2526SLOB00010
Raj.Samwad/C/25/5348 Executive Director

GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA
TELANGANA URBAN FINANCE & INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION LIMITED
A.C. Guards, Hyderabad -500004.
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)
RFP No. 90/ TUFIDC /Transaction Advisor/2025, Dt. 01.07.2025
Telangana Urban Finance and Infrastructure Development Corporation Ltd (TUFIDC) intend to invite proposals (RFP) from eligible consultants for Engaging Consultancy firm for providing Transaction Advisory Services for Bankable Projects in Urban Areas in Telangana State.
The Request for Proposal (RFP) document along with Terms of Reference (ToR) is available on the e-procurement website: www.tender.telangana.gov.in (e-procurement platform) clarification in this regard may be obtained from O/o TUFIDC, Ph: 040-23435519. The last date for submission of proposals is 28.07.2025 up to 3.30 PM.
Sd/- Vice Chairman & Managing Director
DIPR R.O.No.305-PP/CL-AGENCY/ADVT/1/2025-26 Dt:01.07.2025

ANDHRA PRADESH CAPITAL REGION DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
Lenin Center, Governerpet, Vijayawada - 520002 (A.P.)
NIT No. 43/MAU61-ADMN0IS(APSW)/17/2025-IS/ 2nd Call, Dt.01.07.2025
E Procurement Short Tender Notice (Second Call)
Name of Work: APCRDA - "RFP for Selection of Solution Provider to Configure, Customize, Integrate, Implement and Maintain ICT Platform for Construction Management for APCRDA and ADCL".
The bid can be downloaded on AP e-procurement portal from **02.07.2025 to 09.07.2025 up to 14.00 Hrs.** Due date for submission of Bid is **09.07.2025 up to 15.00 Hrs,** Technical bid opening **09.07.2025 @16.00Hrs.** For further details Please refer to **www.apeprocurement.gov.in and www.crda.ap.gov.in.**
Sd/- Commissioner, APCRDA, Vijayawada.

BANGALORE ELECTRICITY SUPPLY COMPANY LIMITED
(wholly owned government of Karnataka undertaking)
(CIN : U04010KA2002SGC030438)
NOTIFICATION INVITING TENDER (NIT)
(Through KPP portal)
Enquiry. No: BESCOM/2025-26/UC/WORK_INDENT468
Name of work: Conversion of existing 11kV Overhead line into Underground (UG) cable in Vijayapura town, Devanahalli subdivision of Hosakote division, Bangalore Rural circle, BRAZ, BESCOM on percentage basis quoting. **Availability of Bid documents:** 05.07.2025 onwards. **Last date for bid submission:** 07.08.2025 @ 15:00 Hrs. **Opening of Technical Bids:** 08.08.2025 @ 15:30 Hrs. **Pre-Bid meeting:** 23.07.2025 @ 11:00 Hrs. **Venue:** Conference Hall, 3rd Floor, Belaku Bhavana, Corporate Office, BESCOM, K.R. Circle, Bangalore-560001. The bid documents can be downloaded and necessary assistance can be obtained through Karnataka Public Procurement Portal (KPPP) from the website **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in**. **KPP portal Help Desk:** Phone No. +91-8046010000, +91-8068948777, Email: **support@eprochelpdesk.com**. Aspiring bidders needs to be registered on Karnataka Public Procurement Portal (KPPP). Bidders can take the assistance from the KPP during working hours.
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BIG FAN

'I love watching Rishabh play and the way he takes it on in all formats'

GETTY IMAGES

Ben Stokes said he was a big fan of Rishabh Pant. "I absolutely love watching Rishabh play cricket. I love the way he takes it on in all formats. He's got a bit of stick, but with that type of talent... when you let that type of talent be free, that's what can happen, like last week. Two hundreds in the game, credit to him".

DIFFERENT

Dukes ball of 2025 not doing as much as previous ones: Gill

REUTERS

Shubman Gill felt that the Dukes ball of 2025 wasn't doing as much as the previous ones. "I spoke to some players from the 2018 series and they said the balls were slightly different. Even in the 2021 series, the ball was doing a little bit more. In [Leeds] match we played, and even in WTC final, after around 40, the ball got quite soft".

SAFETY FIRST

Indian cricketers asked to stay indoors for security reasons

AP

The Indian cricket team, staying in the heart of Birmingham, was asked to stay indoors after a suspicious package was found at the nearby Centenary Square. A BCCI source said that players were asked not to venture out following a social media post from the Birmingham City Centre Police.

COMPETITIVE TOTAL

Jemimah and Amanjot's timely knocks help India post 181

REUTERS

Jemimah Rodrigues (63) and Amanjot Kaur (63 n.o.), *in pic*, propelled India to 181 for four against England in the second T20I in Bristol on Tuesday. The duo was engaged in a 55-ball 93-run stand for the fourth wicket. **The scores:** India 181/4 in 20 overs (Jemimah 63, Amanjot 63 n.o., Richa 32 n.o.) vs England. **Toss:** England.

India's juggling act: prioritise batting depth or 20 wickets?

The kerfuffle over the composition of the bowling attack in the potential absence of Bumrah has only made matters tougher; England will start from a position of great strength in the second Test

INDIA IN ENGLAND

N. Sudarshan
BIRMINGHAM

Wins accumulate. Losses multiply. Gautam Gambhir knows this all too well. Appointed as the India head coach just under a year ago, he has presided over just three wins from 11 Test matches. Losses, he has seen seven, with the most crushing one coming last week in Leeds when England chased 371 fourth-innings runs with ease.

Gambhir has had an extended honeymoon largely because of his white-ball exploits, chief among them the Champions Trophy victory earlier this year.

But goodwill isn't eternal, and thus, recovering from the 0-1 deficit in the five-match series will be prime on the agenda when India takes on England in the second Test at Edgbaston here from Wednesday.

The kerfuffle over the composition of the bowling attack in the potential absence of Jasprit Bumrah has only made matters tougher.

Apart from speedster Mohammed Siraj – who was luckless in the first Test – and all-rounder Ravindra Jadeja – who offered control but not wicket-taking threat – no one appears to be an automatic pick.

Plan of action: The Indian team has big decisions to make come match-day. AP

Perhaps, this was always on the cards. With Mohammed Shami unavailable and Bumrah unable to play for extended stretches, the largely inexperienced pace-bowling pack has to learn on the job. And if the pitch here turns out to be as flat and dry as the one in Headingley, and the weather mostly warm as predicted, bowlers will need to display more imagination and guile than in the opening contest.

Shubman Gill's role here will be crucial. In Leeds, the skipper largely relied on four bowlers and underbowled – or did not trust – Shardul Thakur.

It is doubtful if the Mumbai all-rounder will keep his place as India looks to balance the twin requirements of taking 20 wickets and extending its batting depth.

Even as the top- and middle-order batters came good, they will continue to carry the burden of scoring big runs to give its floundering bowlers some elbow room.

But England in the Ben Stokes-Brendon McCullum era rarely buckles under scoreboard pressure.

The fact that Stokes chose to field in the series opener, saw India rake up 471 in the first essay and still inspired his wards to pull off a stunning fourth-innings heist means the host will start from a position of great strength.

The vibes around the bowling group have improved manifold, with Stokes back to full intensity, and Josh Tongue and Brydon Carse performing well (11 wickets combined in Headingley).

A fit Jofra Archer will sit out of the Birmingham Test but his mere presence in the dressing room is sure to further enliven the atmosphere.

England also has a proud record against India at Edgbaston, having won seven of the eight fixtures and drawn the other.

The most recent was the final tie of the 2021-22 series in July 2022 wherein Stokes' England, in true Bazball style, mowed down a 378-run fourth-innings target with seven wickets to spare.

Gill said that history would not matter and that the present touring party was the "best Indian team." It is finally time to walk the talk.

The teams: England (XI): Ben Stokes (Capt.), Zak Crawley, Ben Duckett, Ollie Pope, Joe Root, Harry Brook, Jamie Smith (wk), Chris Woakes, Brydon Carse, Josh Tongue and Shoaib Bashir.
India (from): Shubman Gill (Capt.), Rishabh Pant (wk), Yashasvi Jaiswal, K.L. Rahul, B. Sai Sudharsan, Abhimanyu Easwaran, Karun Nair, Nitish Kumar, Ravindra Jadeja, Dhruv Jurel (wk), Washington Sundar, Shardul Thakur, Jasprit Bumrah, Mohd. Siraj, Prasidh Krishna, Akash Deep, Arshdeep Singh and Kuldeep Yadav.
Match starts at 3.30 p.m. IST.

Skipper Gill points to fielding two spinners

N. Sudarshan
BIRMINGHAM

The curiosity and chatter around India's team composition leading into the second Test against England has come to resemble a long, drawn out soap opera. Yet another episode played out on Tuesday afternoon at Edgbaston here, again without any conclusion.

Shubman Gill was the director in charge, and the only thing he said at the pre-match media conference with a fair amount of certainty was that India would play two spinners, and left the decision on Jasprit Bumrah's inclusion for the last minute.

"In the previous match, if we had had an extra spinner in the fourth innings, the game could have been better," Gill said, referring to the five-wicket defeat in Leeds last week.

"There were some patches in the wicket that could have been exploited. Whenever Jaddu [Ravindra Jadeja] *bhai* was bowling, chances were being created.

"We also feel that it is easier for spinners to contain runs than fast bowlers, especially when the ball gets old. If you don't take wickets, it becomes very difficult. We bowled well but dropped a few catches too. It's not easy when you are constantly dropping catches."

Curiosity factor: The focus will be on whether Kuldeep gets a chance to display his bag of tricks. GETTY IMAGES

However, stocking up on bowling options also requires the team management to be mindful of the batting depth that is required to pile on the runs.

Unknown

Who among left-arm wrist-spinner Kuldeep Yadav, off-spinning all-rounder Washington Sundar, and medium-pace bowling all-rounders in Nitish Kumar Reddy and Shardul Thakur will play is still unknown.

"I guess you would want batting depth till No. 7... and if your No. 8 can bat a little bit," Gill said to a pointed question on how much depth is good enough in batting-friendly conditions.

"If you are going till No. 9, it is difficult to take 20 wickets. If we are able to go with four or five premier bowlers and have our batting till No. 7 or 8, it would be a good combination".

Bazball it is! Coach McCullum, centre, and skipper Stokes, right, will be hoping for an encore from Duckett. GETTY IMAGES

We're confident in our abilities to chase: Stokes

N. Sudarshan
BIRMINGHAM

Success breeds success, and Bazball-era England has been a shining example of this.

Starting June 2022, England has chased six targets of 250 or more successfully. Two of these have come against India – 378 here in Birmingham in July 2022 and 371 in Leeds last week, which also happen to be its top-two run pursuits in history.

"We're confident in our abilities to be able to go out and chase when we have to bat in the fourth innings," captain Ben Stokes said on Tuesday, ahead of the second Test. "That obviously comes from a lot of good experiences over the last three or four years. So, going out there in the fourth innings, you're naturally confident. Still, 370 [371 in Headingley] is a lot of runs, and we knew we had to play very, very well to get close. So, [there is] even more confidence from last week, but this week is a new game. We start from zero again."

Stokes was also pleased with the way his body held up as he bowled 35 overs, six months after his hamstring surgery.

"I did everything possible to not worry about anything outside of what we normally worry about," the 34-year-old said.

"But coming out of that game, feeling good in all of my spells, rhythm-wise, being able to have spells throughout the day... it's all coming out nicely. I managed to maintain my pace, which was one of the things I wanted to concentrate on".

Third seeds Zverev and Pegula crash out

WIMBLEDON

Reuters
LONDON

Alexander Zverev became the highest men's seed to fall as the German lost a five-set marathon to France's Arthur Rinderknech in Wimbledon on Tuesday.

Third seed Zverev and Rinderknech were locked at one set apiece on Monday when play was stopped, but after the resumption on a sultry Centre Court the Frenchman ground out a 7-6(3), 6-7(8), 6-3, 6-7(5), 6-4 victory.

The loss leaves Zverev still searching for a first Major after 38 attempts.

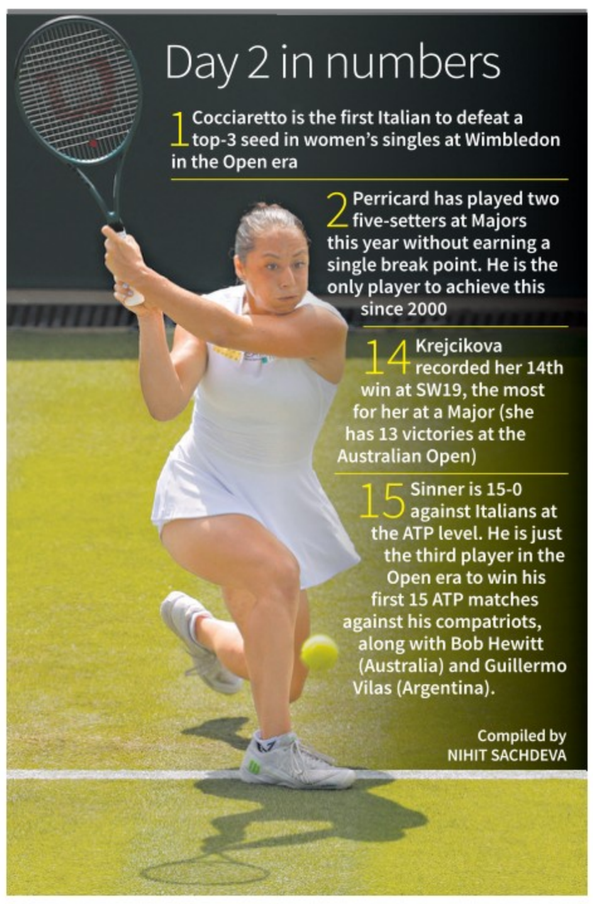
In another upset, Lorenzo Musetti, seeded seventh, was dumped out in the first round by inspired Georgian qualifier Nikoloz Basilashvili 6-2, 4-6, 7-5, 6-1.

World No. 1 and top seed Jannik Sinner eased effortlessly into the second round with a 6-4, 6-3, 6-0 victory over fellow Italian Luca Nardi.

In the women's section, World No. 3 Jessica Pegula crashed out in the first round, stunned 6-2, 6-3 by unheralded Italian Elisabetta Cocciaretto.

Olympic champion Zheng Qinwen became the second big casualty as the Chinese fifth seed was beaten 7-5, 4-6, 6-1 by Czech Katerina Siniakova.

Defending champion Barbora Krejcikova found her groove to triumph 3-6, 6-2, 6-1 over Filipino Alexandra Eala. Petra Kvitova's Wimbledon farewell ended in an emotional defeat as the two-time champion was beaten 6-3, 6-1 by Emma Navarro.


Day 2 in numbers
1 Cocciaretto is the first Italian to defeat a top-3 seed in women's singles at Wimbledon in the Open era
2 Perricard has played two five-setters at Majors this year without earning a single break point. He is the only player to achieve this since 2000
14 Krejcikova recorded her 14th win at SW19, the most for her at a Major (she has 13 victories at the Australian Open)
15 Sinner is 15-0 against Italians at the ATP level. He is just the third player in the Open era to win his first 15 ATP matches against his compatriots, along with Bob Hewitt (Australia) and Guillermo Vilas (Argentina).
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Fallen seeds
Men: 3-Zverev, 7-Musetti, 8-Rune, 16-Cerundolo, 20-Popyrin, 27-Shapovalov, 28-Bublik, 30-Michelsen, 31-Griekspoor, 32-Berrettini
Women: 3-Pegula, 5-Zheng, 9-Badosa, 15-Muchova, 26-Kostyuk, 32-Kessler

IMPORTANT RESULTS

First round: Men: 1-Sinner (Ita) bt Nardi (Ita) 6-4, 6-3, 6-0; Basilashvili (Geo) bt 7-Musetti (Ita) 6-2, 4-6, 7-5, 6-1; Munar (Esp) bt 28-Bublik (Kaz) 6-4, 3-6, 4-6, 7-6(5), 6-2; 5-Fritz (USA) bt Perricard (Fra) 6-7(6), 6-7(8), 6-4, 7-6(6), 6-4; Navone (Arg) bt 27-Shapovalov (Can) 3-6, 6-4, 6-1, 6-4; 13-Paul (USA) bt Monday (GBr) 6-4, 6-4, 6-2; 11-De Minaur (Aus) bt Baena (Esp) 6-2, 6-2, 7-6(2); Kecmanovic (Srb) bt 30-Michelsen (USA) 6-2, 3-6, 6-3, 3-6, 7-6(6); 26-Fokina (Esp) bt Holt (USA) 6-2, 6-4, 7-5; 17-Khachanov (Rus) bt McDonald (USA) 7-5, 6-4, 6-4; Majchrzak (Pol) bt 32-Berrettini (Ita) 4-6, 6-2, 6-4, 5-7, 6-3; Brooksby (USA) bt 31-Griekspoor (Ned) 6-2, 7-5, 6-3; 14-Rublev (Rus) bt Djere (Srb) 6-0, 7-6(5), 6-7(9), 7-6(6).
Women: 10-Navarro (USA) bt Kvitova (Cze) 6-3, 6-1; Wang (Chn) bt 15-Muchova (Cze) 7-5, 6-2; 18-Alexandrova (Rus) bt Hon (Aus) 6-2, 7-5; 8-Swiatek (Pol) bt Kudermetova (Rus) 7-5, 6-1; Erjavec (Slo) bt 26-Kostyuk (Ukr) 3-6, 6-3, 6-4; 23-Tauson (Den) bt Watson (GBr) 2-6, 6-4, 6-3; 16-Kasatkina (Aus) bt Arango (Col) 7-5, 6-3; 19-Samsonova (Rus) bt Joint (Aus) 6-3, 6-2; 17-Krejcikova (Cze) bt Alexandra Eala (Phi) 3-6, 6-2, 6-1; Cocciaretto (Ita) bt 3-Pegula (USA) 6-2, 6-3. Siniakova (Cze) bt 5-Zheng (Chn) 5-7-5, 4-6, 6-1; Vondrousova (Cze) bt 32-Kessler (USA) 6-1, 7-6(3);Boulter (GBr) bt 9-Badosa (Esp) 6-2, 3-6, 6-4; 4-Paolini (Ita) bt Sevastova (Lat) 2-6, 6-3, 6-2; 13-Anisimova (USA) bt Putintseva (Kaz) 6-0, 6-0; Osaka (Jpn) bt Gibson (Aus) 6-4, 7-6(4); Raducanu (GBr) bt Xu (GBr) 6-3, 6-3.

Clinching it: Leonardo prods in Al Hilal's fourth to oust Manchester City. GETTY IMAGES

Al Hilal knocks out Man City in a thriller

CLUB WORLD CUP

Agence France-Presse
ORLANDO

Manchester City crashed out of the Club World Cup with a 4-3 defeat in extra-time by Saudi Arabian side Al Hilal on Monday in the last 16, hours after Inter Milan was eliminated by Fluminense on a day of shock results.

Inter was dumped out 2-0 by the Brazilian side in Charlotte and Pep Guardiola's City joined it after Marcos Leonardo's brace left the Premier League giant on the wrong end of a seven-goal thriller.

Bernardo Silva turned home from close range to put City ahead after nine minutes, but Leonardo levelled early in the second half.

Malcom fired the Saudi side ahead after Joao Cancelo threaded him through on goal. Erling Haaland levelled for City and had an effort cleared off the line.

Koulibaly nodded home from a corner after 94 minutes but Phil Foden finished well to level 10 minutes later. The match was decided by Leonardo reacting well to prod home when Ederson saved Sergej Milinkovic-Savic's header after 112 minutes.

The results
(pre-quarterfinals): Inter Milan 0 lost to Fluminense 2 (Cano 3, Hercules 90+3).
Manchester City 3 (Silva 9, Haaland 55, Foden 104) lost to Al Hilal 4 (Leonardo 46, 113, Malcom 52, Koulibaly 94) (after extra time).

INBRIEF

Divyanshi clinches under-15 girls' title at Asian youth TT

Second seed Divyanshi Bhowmick defeated China's Zhu Qihui, seeded three, 13-11, 11-8, 8-11, 12-10, 9-11, 11-8 to clinch the under-15 girls' singles title at the 29th Asian youth table tennis championships in Tashkent. With the victory – her second against a Chinese opponent in the knockout stage – Divyanshi secured a direct berth for the World youth championships in Romania in November. Her gold capped India's impressive campaign at the championships, which ended with one gold, one silver, and two bronze medals.

Dhamne saves match points, enters pre-quarterfinals

Wild card Manas Dhamne saved two match points on his serve in the twelfth game of the decider to eke out a 2-6, 6-4, 7-6(3) victory over Christoph Negritu of Germany in the first round of the €91,250 Challenger tennis tournament in Brasov, Romania, on Tuesday.

Other results: $15,000 ITF men, Monastir: First round: Dev Javia bt Artem Alekseychuk 6-7(5), 6-3, 6-2.
$15,000 ITF women, Getxo, Spain: First round: Eleejah Inisan (Fra) bt Madhurima Sawant 6-3, 6-3.

Bosch inspires South Africa to huge win over Zimbabwe

All-rounder Corbin Bosch took a first five-wicket haul in Test cricket to go with his maiden century as a much-changed South Africa thumped host Zimbabwe by 328 runs on day four of the first Test at Bulawayo on Tuesday.

The scores: South Africa 418/9 decl. & 369 beat Zimbabwe 251 & 208 in 66.2 overs (Masakadza 57, Ervine 49; Bosch 5/43, Yusuf 3/22). **PoM**: Lhuan-dre Pretorius.

Anderson Peters pulls out of Neeraj Chopra Classic

Two-time World Championship gold-medallist javelin thrower Anderson Peters on Tuesday pulled out of the Neeraj Chopra Classic due to an ankle injury, dealing another blow to the showpiece. The 27-year-old Grenada stalwart has been replaced by Poland's Cyprian Mrzygłod in the event schedule for Saturday.

LIVE TELECAST

Football: Club World Cup, DAZN, 6.30 a.m. (Wednesday)
Wimbledon: Star Sports 1, SS Select 1, 2 (SD & HD) & JioHotstar, 3.30 p.m.
England vs India: 2nd Test, day 1, Sony Sports Ten 5 (SD & HD) & JioHotstar, 3.30 p.m.

Logistics affected India in Pro League: Shivendra

He says the India-A tour will help create a strong back-up for the National team; adds that losing consecutive games does affect confidence; reveals that the focus will now be on the Asia Cup

HOCKEY

Uthra Ganesan
NEW DELHI

Mainstay: Skipper Harmanpreet missing matches did not help India's cause. FILE PHOTO

While most of the Indian men's hockey team players and staff took a break after the disappointing outing in the European leg of the FIH Pro League, assistant coach Shivendra Singh landed straight back at the SAI Centre, Bengaluru.

As in-charge of the India-A side on its two-week tour of Europe, Shivendra will have a chance to put the lessons learnt to good use.

Shivendra admitted that the Pro League was a disappointing campaign, but added there were things beyond control that contributed to it.

"We had issues right from the start. The original plan was to be together in Ireland and play three or four practice matches, develop a team plan and then go for the Pro League. But that didn't happen. There were visa issues; five or six players and a staff member landed late directly for the competition. Travelling was staggered, some of them coming after the first couple of matches, and it disturbed the whole planning," Shivendra told *The Hindu*.

"We didn't have Lalit (Upadhyay) and Gurjant Singh for the initial games, and we had to rework the entire set-up. It was an unsettled start," he insisted.

Injuries didn't help either, with captain Harmanpreet Singh missing matches and Gurjant returning almost immediately.

"Of course, it affects when the leader is not playing three to four matches. Harman couldn't even hold the stick.

"We had limited resources. Of course, none of it is an excuse, and everyone is disappointed; it was a good chance to qualify for the World Cup. But our focus now is completely on the Asia Cup at home," he added.

Asked about the seven-match losing streak, Shivendra admitted it was a tough one to accept.

"We have to remember that, barring Argentina which surprised us, the rest are top three-four teams in the world. Losing consecutive games does affect your confidence," he said.

About the India-A side, the former India striker said the main objective was to create a strong bench for the National side.

India-A men's squad for Europe tour named

Sports Bureau
NEW DELHI

A 20-member India-A men's team will tour Europe later this month as Hockey India hopes to cultivate and improve the national team's bench strength ahead of a crucial 18 months, culminating in the Asian Games next year.

The squad was announced on Tuesday and includes a bulk of players from the senior core group and youngsters who impressed during the HIL.

The team will play eight games in 13 days, from July 8 to 20, with two matches each against Ireland, France and Netherlands and one each against England and Belgium as the outfits prepare for European Championships. Two players from the Pro League squad – Sanjay and Rajinder Singh – will be part of the team with the former leading the side. While India assistant coach Shivendra Singh will be in charge, chief coach Craig Fulton is likely to join directly.

The squad:

Goalkeepers: Pawan Malik, H.S. Mohith; **Defenders:** Pratap Lakra, Varun Kumar, Amandeep Lakra, Parmod, Sanjay; **Midfielders:** C.B. Poovanna, Mohd. Raheel Mouseen, Rabichandra Singh, Vishnukant Singh, Pardeep Singh, Rajinder Singh; **Forwards:** Angadbir Singh, Boby Singh Dhami, Maninder Singh, Venkatesh Kenche, Aditya Lalge, Selvam Karthi, Uttam Singh.

Pragg: This is one of the best phases of my career

CHESS

P.K. Ajith Kumar
CHENNAI

Praggnanandhaa

The India No. 1 in chess ranking is kind of a musical chair now. It shows how strongly the young Indians have been faring at the highest level.

The latest occupant of the hot seat is R. Praggnanandhaa, who is ranked World No. 4 in the latest FIDE rating list released by FIDE on Tuesday. Arjun Erigaisi and D. Gukesh are placed No. 5 and 6, respectively.

The 19-year-old from Chennai isn't concerned much about the ranking. He is pretty happy, though, with the kind of chess he has been playing over the last few months. He has won three significant titles, including the prestigious Wijk aan Zee (Tata Steel) this year.

"Winning Wijk aan Zee meant a lot to me as it is an 87-year-old tournament, which was won in the past by several World champions," Praggnanandhaa told *The Hindu* over phone from Zagreb, where he would be playing the third leg of the Grand Chess Tour.

"It was also nice winning the Superbet Chess Classic in Romania and the UzChess Cup in Tashkent just a couple of days ago."

He admits this has been one of the best phases of his career. "I have tried to change a few things about my chess, which has worked," he said. "I am much more confident, and I push myself in those critical games."

Praggnanandhaa is glad that the young Indians, apart from the top three, have been doing well of late. "Aravindh Chithambaram is playing great chess," he said. "And Nihal Sarin has had good results in the classical formats of late. Our achievements, like Gukesh's World title and Arujun breaking the 2800 Elo barrier, motivate each other. Indian chess is really looking up, with corporates supporting players like me; I have benefited from my association with Adani Group."

He is looking forward to the Esports World Cup, in which he will play for Team Liquid, alongside World No. 1 Magnus Carlsen. "It is nice that chess is becoming part of Esports," he said.

Nitu, Lovlina, Saweety shine on final day of Elite boxing

Sports Bureau
HYDERABAD

World and Commonwealth Games gold medallist Nitu Ghanghas, Olympic medallist Lovlina Borgohain, and World Champion Saweety Boora were the standout performers on the final day of the Elite women's boxing tournament here on Tuesday.

Nitu won the 48kg category following a 4-1 verdict against Chanchal in the final, while Saweety defeated Alfiya 5-0 to top the podium in the 80kg category. Lovlina, meanwhile, bagged the 78kg category gold following Lashu Yadav's withdrawal.

Local favourite Nikhat Zareen, however, pulled out of the event due to injury, ahead of her bout with Jyoti in the 51kg final.

With nine medals to its name, including three gold, Railways Sports Promotion Board emerged as the top-performer overall.

On top: Nitu, left, is crowned the 48kg title winner.
SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

The gold and silver medallists across categories will now earn the opportunity to join the national camp in Patiala.

The final standings: 48kg: 1. Nitu, 2. Chanchal, 3. Manju Rani and Yamini Singh; **51kg:** 1. Jyoti, 2. Nikhat Zareen, 3. Devika Ghorpade and V. Lakshaya. **54kg:** 1. Preeti, 2. Tanu, 3. Shiksha and Bhupali Hazarika; **57kg:** 1. Babirojsana Chanu, 2. Kamaljeet Kaur Gill, 3. Vishu Rathee and Aroti Doley. **60kg:** 1. Prachi, 2. Anjali, 3. Niharika Gonella and Gavali Priyanka Suresh; **65kg:** 1. Ankushita Boro, 2. Shashi, 3. Amita Kundu and Yashi Sharma. **70kg:** 1. Shivani, 2. Gitimoni Gogoi, 3. Neha Kasnyal and Shravani Barge; **75kg:** 1. Lovlina, 2. Lashu Yadav, 3. Sneha and Shruti. **80kg:** 1. Saweety, 2. Alfiya, 3. Babita Bisht and Garima; **80+kg:** 1. Ritika, 2. Shivani Tomar, 3. Neha and Mankirat Kaur Brar.

'All rounders' don't look the part; back to the specialists, then

BETWEEN WICKETS
Suresh Menon

Watching India lose a Test in England that many thought they had sewn up early (before the threads were loosened), told us something about generational change. The flag-waving was premature. Teams need a settling-down period.

Teams also need to have the right man in the right slot, not someone who on a good day can be a batter and on another day (not necessarily within the same Test) a bowler. Shardul Thakur and Ravindra Jadeja made India long for specialists. Kuldeep Yadav and one of Dhruv Jurel, Nitish Kumar Reddy or Abhimanyu Easwaran could be replacing them.

Sometimes careers overlap in sports, one top player having arrived on the scene just as another is leaving. The baton exchange between Sachin Tendulkar and Virat Kohli is a good example. The two crossed each other as Tendulkar was returning after his final innings. Kohli hit the next ball for four; the continuity was uncanny. It doesn't always happen, of course. Tendulkar himself made his debut only 32 months and 11 Tests after Sunil Gavaskar played his last, but the three of them in turn became the face of Indian batting, the wicket most desired by the opposition, and in the later cases, the stars of social media as well.

Sandwich generation

And then there is the sandwich generation – the players whose careers overlap to some extent with one generation, but find themselves overtaken by their successors pretty quickly. The sandwich generation is caught in-between, not good enough to threaten the earlier one consistently and unable to score over the one following for reasons of age and opportunity: too much of one and too little of the other.

The expression 'sandwich generation' was first used in the 1980s in a social context. It is relevant in sports too. In tennis, for example, when the Big Three of Roger Federer, Novak Djokovic and Rafael Nadal began fading out, the next generation might have nursed ambitions of replacing them. These three among them have won 66 of 79 Grand Slam titles since the Swiss legend's first Wimbledon title in 2003, but it wasn't the next generation of the Medvedevs and the Zverevs who took over, but the following one of Carlos Alcaraz and Jannik Sinner. The last two are not just the future, they are very much the present, and those born in the 90s have missed the boat.

When the Tendulkar-Dravid-Sehwag-Laxman-Ganguly generation was at its peak, the likes of Ambati Rayudu, Hemang Badani, Mithun Manas, Vijay Bharadwaj had to play on without with any real expectation of finding a permanent place in the national team. As the careers of the older men were coming to an end, hope might have been rekindled. But then came Kohli, Rohit, Ajinkya Rahane, Cheteshwar Pujara, and they could only watch as the new generation casually dashed those hopes.

It is thus in sport; birthplace might matter, but not so much as the birth date, as many players who have had long careers in first class cricket overlapping with those of established stars have discovered. Had he been born a few years earlier or a few later, Amol Mujumdar, who made 260 on his first class debut, might have played over 50 Tests. But he was born within months of the Big Five, and that sealed his fate although he became a Ranji Trophy giant.

Wheel turns

And now the wheel is turning again. Kohli, Rohit and Ashwin have bid goodbye, and many of those who might have nursed ambitions of breaking in would have watched the exploits of the new generation with rising panic. The new stars – not all of them guaranteed to play for India – are mostly fearless teenagers waiting for their call while those born in the last century can see their chances begin to slip away. The captain and candidate to extend the Gavaskar-Tendulkar-Kohli line, Shubman Gill is only 25 and will be breaking the hearts of many contenders.

India made five centuries in the Leeds Test, Jasprit Bumrah had five in an innings but the Test was won and lost in the third innings when India looked too easily satisfied with the early runs. Skipper Gill will learn to be tougher and more demanding; transition is never easy. Still, if only there were someone in the top half who could bowl and in the bottom half who could bat.

Koushik not to turn out for Karnataka

CRICKET

Ashwin Achal
BENGALURU

V. Koushik.
FILE PHOTO: SUDHAKARA JAIN

Fast bowler V. Koushik is set to move out of Karnataka and will ply his trade for a different domestic team at the start of the 2025-26 season, it has been learnt.

A steady, accurate seamer who can test batters on the corridor of uncertainty all day long, Koushik made a mark in his short yet effective stint with the Karnataka senior team. A late bloomer, Koushik made his Karnataka debut at the age of 26 in 2019, after spending time working at a corporate job.

Koushik was an integral part of the Karnataka team which claimed the Vijay Hazare title last season. He was also the highest wicket-taker (23 wickets) for Karnataka in the 2024-25 Ranji Trophy.

The 32-year-old has often stood tall for Karnataka, when the likes of Prasidh Krishna, Vidwath Kaverappa or V. Vyshak had missed out due to injury or international duty.